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A landmark plan for our city heritage

BY ANNA MAUREMOOTOO

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LANDMARKS around the city like the concrete cows and The Point could be recognised on a list identifying the heritage of Milton Keynes.

Last May Milton Keynes Council's Conservation and Archaeology Team contacted English Heritage to suggest that compiling a 'Local List' could help recognise the unique character of the city.

The move follows the decision by government ministers in 2010 to designate thecentre:mk as a grade II-listed building and has been welcomed by people across the city.

Henk van Aswegen, director of Milton Keynes City Discovery Centre, said: "We can use the city as a museum to demonstrate its own history."

He hopes that if a list is compiled it will help celebrate the history of the area prior to the 'big bang' of Milton Keynes in the 1960s, as well as the more modern architecture.

Although the list would not give the buildings, structures, art and places any additional protection, it would provide clarity to developers on the important heritage in the city.

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>
> **– Linda Inoki leader of Xplain**

Along with the local authority, the community will decide what they would like recognised as a significant 'heritage asset'.

Linda Inoki, leader of pressure group Xplain, said: "I think it's a great idea because Milton Keynes is a really special city."

"It will help people to recognise that we have some really special architecture here, which can be hard for local people to appreciate because they see it every day."

As well as creating a sense of ownership for residents, the list could help people outside the city to appreciate what Milton Keynes has to offer.

Mr van Aswegen added: "People who come to see Milton Keynes as a place of architectural innovation will be able to get a better understanding of the area.

"The list will also create a sense of place for local people."

Milton Keynes is known for its unique grid road layout, distinctive, high quality, modern architecture and public art and was the last and largest to be built under the New Towns Programme.

Public involvement is crucial to compiling the Local List and it is expected that city stakeholders will also be involved in developing the selection criteria and determining what should be included.

Milton Keynes Council is currently considering whether to proceed with the list.

What do you think?

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Going the extra mile: Debbie Williams and Lyn Hanson are raising money by climbing Kilimanjaro

Touch of Pink Appeal raises vital funding

MK NEWS is teaming up with Milton Keynes Hospital to raise £80,000 for its Breast Care Unit.

The Touch of Pink Appeal will fund a digital x-ray machine, allowing staff to take images of breast tissue in seconds, shortening the amount of time people wait for results and allowing surgeons to see more patients.

To help raise vital funds Debbie Williams and Lyn Hanson from Barclays in Bletchley will be climbing Kilimanjaro and sold more than 200 cakes at the launch of the appeal yesterday to get one step closer to their £5,000 target.

Ms Williams said: "I had to use the Breast Care Unit two years ago and nearly died. The hospital saved my life."

Fundraising manager, Vanessa Holmes, added: "We've been really impressed by the number of people who have offered their support, particularly as the official launch was just yesterday.

"It's a great appeal because it's specifically for Milton Keynes and will help local people."

Breast cancer is one of the most common cancers in the UK and the hospital is calling on residents to help with its fundraising efforts.

One of the ways you can get involved is by organising a pink-themed cake sale and donating the proceeds to the unit.

The Touch of Pink Cake Sale will take place throughout May and those interested in taking part can request a fundraising pack on 01908 826690, or e-mail fundraising @mkhospital. nhs.uk.

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Publisher plans to move staff out of city

STAFF who sell advertising for a paper in Milton Keynes have been told they are at risk of losing their jobs after their company announced plans to centralise its sales centres.

Local publisher Johnston Press wants to move some of the advertising roles at its existing centres to Sheffield. This will affect some staff at its Milton Keynes Citizen office.

The announcement was made on Thursday and a statement from the company's chief operating officer Danny Cammiade read: "The contact centre activities within Milton Keynes will transfer to Sheffield.

"Those affected are being consulted on an individual and collective basis. We anticipate that this consultation process will be complete on May 4. In the event that this proposal goes ahead, the company will endeavour to minimise the impact through voluntary redundancy and redeployment to alternative positions within the organisation."

The move is part of a series of major restructuring announcements by the company, which include five of its daily newspapers moving to weekly publications. The titles, including the Northampton Chronicle and Echo, are expected to make the switch at the end of May.

Finished article: What Midsummer Place could look like after the development

£15m facelift plan for shopping centre

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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A SHOPPING centre is set to get a £15million facelift.

Legal & General Property (LGP), which owns Midsummer Place Shopping Centre in CMK, has announced that it is currently developing plans for the major refurb.

The planned improvements, which could add 57,000-square-feet of new retail space, are designed to create a new food and restaurant quarter, attract more international fashion retailers and strengthen its existing tenant base.

LGP also believes the development will create 'significant local job opportunities'.

Midsummer Place centre manager Martin Hindson said: "We want to make Midsummer Place Shopping Centre even better and ensure that it remains the go-to fashion quarter by accommodating new international retailers and restaurants not currently represented in Milton Keynes.

"Not only will the plans improve the retail and food offer for our customers but also the shopping experience for those visiting Milton Keynes as a whole."

The shopping centre currently has an annual footfall of more than 17million and includes brands such as Hollister, Superdry, Zara, Hugo Boss, Apple, GAP, H&M and Debenhams.

LGP is now finalising the plans for the scheme and hopes to submit an application towards the end of May. It plans to start development work in the autumn and finish in the summer of 2014.

A spokesman could not specify which retailers may move to the centre, but said they want to attract new names to the city.

The plans will go on public display next to the Gap store between 11am and 5pm on April 27 and 28.

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Ann's appeal for Woman of the Year

ONE of the city's business leaders is asking for people to nominate candidates for the first Milton Keynes Woman of the Year award.

Dr Ann Limb OBE is the chairman of the South East Midlands Local Enterprise Partnership.

And now she is backing the campaign to find the city's first Woman of the Year, being led by the MK Women and Work charity of which she is patron.

She said: "MK Women and Work is one of the city's best kept secrets and this summer the charity that has worked quietly and tirelessly for almost 40 years to give opportunities to disadvantaged women to turn their lives around is about to take a huge leap forward in raising its profile.

"On June 14 we shall be holding the first Milton Keynes Woman of the Year celebration, and we need you to nominate women who deserve to be recognised for the way they have transformed their lives and life chances of others.

"I have been a supporter of and cheerleader for this amazing organisation since 1986 when I came to Milton Keynes.

"We have some tremendously talented and courageous women in Milton Keynes and we want honour them. Please support our event by helping us to find them."

If you would like to nominate someone for Woman of the Year, visit www.mk-news.co.uk.

Ann Limb

Don't throw out your bath water

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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WITH the drought hitting households across the city as it experiences the region's first hosepipe ban in 20 years, it's going to take a blooming good idea to keep those flowerbeds perky.

Enter Linda Camborne-Paynter, from Stony Stratford, who has come up with a simple yet ingenious way to quench her garden's thirst.

And her idea is so good that it not only keeps her own garden growing, but is also keeping the community's flowers alive.

After every bath that she and her husband have they hook up a siphon, previously used to clean fish tanks, to a hose which is trailed outside.

Any water that is not used on the garden is stored in a butt, or, as she is a member of Stony in Bloom, is put into plastic bottles and transported to the flower bed outside Queen Eleanor School.

She said: "If I have a shower I do the same thing, by putting the plug in the bath.

"It's amazing how much water you can use, especially considering the current shortage. If people can get one of these siphons, they are ideal to help you save water."

But she said there could be a problem if you don't have an upstairs bath.

"If you've got a bathroom on the ground floor it might be harder to do, because you haven't got the gravity to help the water through the hosepipe."

Judy Deveson is the chairman of Stony in Bloom. She said: "It would be great if people took Linda's lead - I think it's a lovely idea, so if other people feel that they could do it as well, it would be great."

The group is also using watering cans to keep Stony blooming.

Blooming marvellous: Linda Camborne-Paynter with her contraption

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Motorcyclist killed

A MOTORCYCLIST has died following a crash on the H7 Chaffron Way. The accident happened on Saturday at around 2.25pm, when a silver Suzuki GSZ motorcycle crashed with a gold Renault Scenic at the junction with Pattison Lane, Woolstone. The 41-year-old male rider, from Milton Keynes, was taken to hospital where he later died. Anyone with any information about the incident should contact PC Barry McLaughlin on 101.

Business breakfast

A FREE breakfast meeting is being held by The Open University for local business people on Wednesday, April 25 at 8am. Dr Fiona Ellis-Chadwick, a specialist in online retailing and marketing, will be holding a talk. If you would like to attend or join The Open University Business Network, contact ou-business-network@open.ac.uk.

Residents' fundraiser

RESIDENTS and staff at Tickford Abbey Care Home in Newport Pagnell are preparing to step out in style on Saturday to raise money for their home and get fit at the same time. For more see www.greensleeves.org.uk.

Discharge policy slammed

THE city's hospital has been told to stop discharging patients in the middle of the night after the NHS medical director warned that the practice was not acceptable.

It was revealed that Milton Keynes Hospital discharges 6.7 per cent of patients between 11pm and 6am, putting it sixth in the list of hospitals that responded to a Freedom of Information request.

However, the hospital hit back at these claims explaining that the figures include areas like A&E where patients are allowed to go home once checks have been carried out.

Medical director Martin Wetherill, *pictured,* **explained: "As a general rule, we do not discharge patients from bedded areas between 9pm and 8am. Discharge rates from these areas equate to roughly two per cent."**

The NHS medical director, Sir Bruce Keogh, has written to Strategic Health Authorities saying night-time discharges are unacceptable when patients may have no family support.

The hospital says that no complaints have been made about night-time discharges over the last year.

Mr Wetherill added: "We would investigate any complaints where it is suggested that we have discharged a patient inappropriately."

Sex assault by man on bike

A WOMAN was sexually assaulted in an underpass on Sunday.

At around 4.20pm the 27-year-old was walking along the Redway parallel to the V8 from Downs Barn to Springfield. In the underpass a man on a bike approached her from behind, touched her inappropriately and cycled off.

The offender is white, in his mid 20s, 5ft 10ins, with a pale complexion. He is of slim build and has mousy brown-coloured curly long hair. He was wearing a grey hooded top, blue Adidas tracksuit bottoms and was riding a burgundy coloured mountain bike.

Anyone with information can call PC Kay Chahal on 101.

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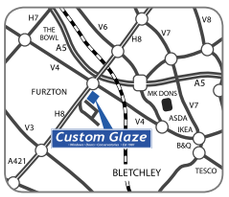

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More work still needed at 'danger' roundabout

SIR - Regarding your story 'Infamous route gets new layout', (MK NEWS, April 11).

I think most of the roundabout is a great improvement.

However, one great problem is when you approach the roundabout with Tesco on your left.

It has two lanes with arrows on the left to turn left or go straight on, which is pointing to the old A5.

On the right hand side are arrows pointing to Saxon Street.

If you get in the right hand lane you are in the wrong lane if you want to continue up Saxon Street. Also that right hand turn is much too tight (you try it).

If you are a lorry or coach you can't do it without going into the left hand lane where there are vehicles overtaking you. It is very dangerous.

Bob Kench
Sent by e-mail

Why did it take so long?

SIR - For the last ten years plus, when my wife and I have visited Bletchley I have always commented to her about how the two roundabouts should be made into one elongated one.

One took one's life in their hands when trying to negotiate those two roundabouts.

Why did it take Milton Keynes Council so long to solve the problem?

I would have thought somebody would have thought of this solution sooner. I did and I'm not an authority on road safety.

But better late than never. A job well done.

Maybe somebody at the council will now make the decision to turn the grid road lights back on so that drivers can see where they are going at night and possibly reduce the number of accidents that appear to be on the increase since the lights have been switched off.

David Evans
Bradwell Common

Move in right direction

SIR - I just wanted to say how much safer and easier it is to drive round the new B&Q roundabout. A great improvement and a job well done.

Malcolm Murdoch
Sent by e-mail

Attitudes must change

SIR - Lighting policy on our streets seems set to be discussed again but is it the road user who is at fault?

The tragedy of a road accident cannot be over emphasised, however all means of transport involves risk, even to those on foot.

How then would Milton Keynes Council assess the risk of reducing street lighting when the only certain solution is a total ban on driving at night?

No councillor would vote to reduce lighting if the known result would be a rise in the number of accidents. It is equally certain that all those who use the roads will demand the right to be on the roads, night and day.

The question therefore seems to be, will there be more accidents due to reduced lighting?

We all approve every possible additional measure to reduce accidents; until that is a driver in a hurry drives that bit too fast or perhaps on a dark road forgets the obligation to all road users to be particularly attentive to the conditions. Hazards caused by the errors of other road users might also be overlooked at times. Matters can be made worse by the pedestrian anxious to cross.

It remains the responsibility of all road users to drive or act safely according to the prevailing conditions and there are hundreds of miles of road in the UK with no lighting at all.

If the reduction of some street lighting can save money or the environment I would like to ask, by how much? Is it worthwhile? Let us hear the case. In today's speak, we don't have transparency from our council.

We must all take responsibility and be extra vigilant on the road if a worthwhile saving is to be made without extra risk to life and limb.

Any calculation put before us should include the cost of putting up signs to inform those who may not have noticed that lighting has been turned off.

The fact that these signs are displayed surely indicates that the council believes we now expect (or demand) to be informed, even of the obvious.

I hope any change to the lighting policy will be based on careful analysis of all accidents which may be blamed on the policy alone.

The problems related to night driving will remain unless attitudes change.

John Garrard
Great Linford

Opening unique shops would be a better bet

SIR - I am so glad to see that the council is completely comfortable to add to the nation's gambling addiction problems and the needless waste of people's incomes by granting permission for a casino (Casino gets go-ahead at Xscape site, MK NEWS, April 11).

What do they think it will do for Milton Keynes? Put it on the map?

Where is the huge demand from the public for this?

There are many ways of generating jobs and stimulating the local economy.

Granting preferential rents and rates for local business people to open unique shops, restaurants, cafés, pubs, boutiques, butchers, bakers...that is just a start.

Joss Sanglier
Milton Keynes

Thanks for donations

SIR - I made a street collection on behalf of the Nyanyano Development Project Committee in the city centre on April 7 and raised £160.34.

The total amount will help extend the pipeline to the houses in the town in Ghana, West Africa, to provide more public toilets and allow work to start on setting up a secondary technical training school to teach the necessary skills required for the development and maintenance of the community's infrastructure.

I would like to thank all those who made a donation in support of the project.

Dr J Buxton
Bradville

Mark's Monthly Focus

Put your questions to Mark Lancaster MP

MK COMMUNITY Foundation is a grant giving charity which awards funding to a range of community projects in the area. David Livermore is the assistant chief executive and oversees the community mobilisers, who support people in having a voice where they live.

What should groups consider most in order for them to exploit the opportunities created through changes to the financial landscape?

The Localism Act has opened a lot of doors for local groups to take over the running of community hubs.

As I mentioned in this column last month, I am hopeful that the Community Asset Transfer will allow just that. Whether a sports club or library, different organisations can take responsibility into their own hands by applying for the transfer through Milton Keynes Council.

This is similar to the Community Builders scheme, where loans are made available to community enterprises with excellent rates of interest in order to encourage activity and strengthen the local area. You can register your interest at http://www.communitybuildersfund.org.uk.

Finally, as part of the Olympic Legacy, the Big Lottery Fund has recently made it much easier to gain access to funding.

It is a great time for community groups to take advantage of grants being offered.

Mark Lancaster with the community mobiliser team from MK Community Foundation

What inspires you most about the community and voluntary sector in Milton Keynes?

I am always struck by the sheer diversity of voluntary organisations in Milton Keynes.

From independent charities to the strong presence of national charities, there is so much on offer.

The multi-faith and multi-cultural nature of the city is proudly celebrated throughout the community.

Those who work to promote their cause have a clear ethos of care and commitment, something which to me is incredibly inspirational.

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Signing up: ***From left,*** **Kevin Taylor, Patrice Ealey, Bill Holland, Alan Richards and Linda Flecknell at the signing of the Armed Forces Covenant**

Pen to paper on forces pact

A PACT which recognises that the whole nation has a moral obligation to members of the armed forces and their families was signed on Monday.

Mayor Alan Richards signed the Armed Forces Community Covenant, which was published in May last year and sets out the relationship between the nation, the state and the forces.

Milton Keynes Council has since been working with the Royal British Legion, soldiers, sailors, airmen and the Families Association to agree ways to work together to support members and former members of the forces and their families.

It has also agreed to appoint a force 'champion' to raise awareness of issues and identify what the council can do to support the forces community.

Wheels stolen off cop van at station

BY ADAM GRINSELL

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SOME wheely daring criminals left red-faced cops stranded.

That's because they stole the rear wheels off a marked Vauxhall Vivaro police van – that was parked outside a police office.

The theft happened outside Bradville police office, in Kingsfold, between 8.45pm on April 5 and 6am the following day.

And now a parish councillor has hit out at Thames Valley Police, which carried out door-to-door inquiries in their investigation.

Anna Seymour, who sits on Stantonbury Parish Council, said that in the 26 years she has lived in the area it is the first time police have knocked on her door, even when crimes have been reported by residents.

She said: "A lot of people have said it is not on because they don't do this when things happen to residents here."

But Milton Keynes commander Superintendent Barry Halliday said policing has changed over the years, for the better, and there are now more resources to carry out this kind of investigation.

He added: "I'm more than happy to meet the councillor about her concerns. We absolutely would not ramp up an investigation because it was a police vehicle."

Anyone with information about the incident should contact 101.

Anyone who has a complaint about the handling of an incident can call 101, or e-mail QoSunit@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk.

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Wasting time caution

A 61-YEAR-OLD man has been cautioned for wasting police time in connection with a reported theft. The man reported that he had been robbed of weekend takings when he went to pay them into a building society last Wednesday. Police believed the report to be false and after being questioned in custody the man admitted the offence and was cautioned. The money has been recovered.

Charity concert

THE Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints is hosting a charity concert in aid of Willen Hospice. The Brigham Young University Singers will perform at Christ the Cornerstone Church on Tuesday at 7.30pm. Tickets are £10 from www.byusingers.co.uk.

Fake card trader fined

A MARKET trader has been fined after admitting selling fake copies of cards that children can swap with their friends.

Amarjit Singh Bedi, from Oldbury in the West Midlands, who operates a stall on Central Milton Keynes market, appeared at Milton Keynes Magistrates' Court on Friday and pleaded guilty to seven offences under The Trade Marks Act 1994.

In December 2010, trading standards officers seized 57 packs of branded trading cards after making a test purchase of fake Pokemon and Yu-Gi-Oh packs, following information received from a member of the public.

Singh Bedi was fined £350 and Milton Keynes Council was awarded costs of £250.

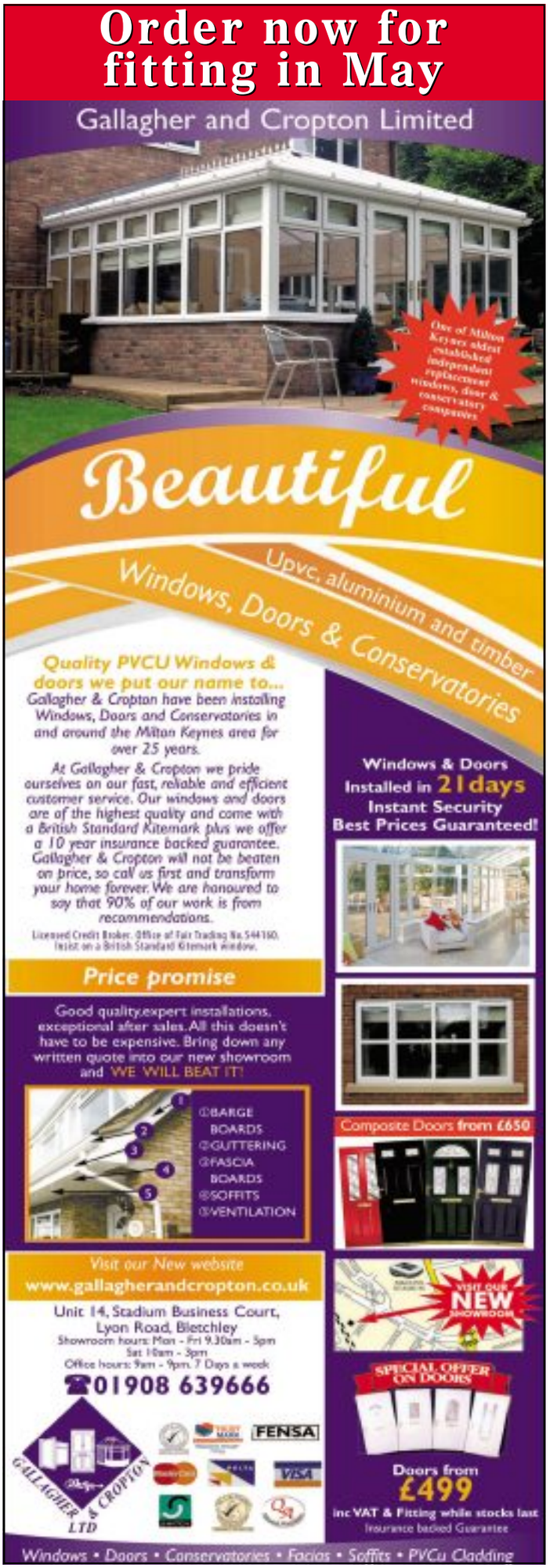
Toybox's national radio appeal

CHRISTIAN Milton Keynes charity Toybox has been chosen to record and broadcast a national BBC Radio 4 appeal.

The charity works to try to improve the lives of children in Latin America and one of its supporters is Songs of Praise presenter Diane Louise Jordan.

She will be voicing the three-minute appeal on Sunday at 7.55am and 9.26pm, and on the following Thursday at 3.27pm.

It will also be possible to listen again at www.bbc.co.uk/radio4appeal.



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Triceratops: Children have been coming up with new designs for the dinosaur

Dino needs a new design

CHILDREN from right across the city have been helping to redesign one of the city's most iconic landmarks.

The 30-foot triceratops in Peartree Bridge - one of Milton Keynes' most charismatic pieces of sculpture - needs a new look.

Charity Inter-Action MK, Woughton Community Council and The Parks Trust have been asking people to release their creativity and put forward their designs for the dinosaur's makeover.

Last painted in 2009 the dazzlingly-gold dinosaur requires a new lick of paint, so residents have been taking part in a number of activities throughout Easter to help come up with new designs.

There will be an exhibition of the shortlisted designs and residents of Milton Keynes will be invited to vote for their favourite.

The winning design will be painted on the dinosaur.

Fag ban councillor handed suspension

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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A COUNCILLOR will not be able to represent his town for five months after he is re-elected.

That's because Paul Bartlett, who launched the campaign for a smoking ban in Stony Stratford and will be sitting on the town council again from May, has been handed a suspension.

He was deemed by Milton Keynes Council's standards board to have breached the standing orders - rules that all councillors adhere to - on three separate counts, during and following a meeting about the smoking ban in July last year.

Included in the accusations, which Mr Bartlett still strongly refutes, is that he 'delivered a series of insults' at people during the meeting on July 19.

Following the board's decision, Mr Bartlett said: "No way am I going to admit to something I didn't do and I certainly didn't do what they've accused me of."

In an extraordinary step, Mr Bartlett resigned from his post as town councillor during the board's hearings last week, as he said it is 'unable to set sanctions against someone who is not a councillor'.

But he will return to the town council following the elections on May 3 as he is uncontested in his Stony Stratford South West seat.

As a result, the standards board has arranged for his suspension to start from the first annual meeting of the town council.

MKNEWS BRIEFS

M1 crash driver named

THE lorry driver who died in a collision on the M1 motorway on Thursday has been named. Ronald Damen, 62, of Skegness died at the scene, between junctions 14 and 13 on the southbound carriageway. He was the driver of one of three lorries involved in the collision at 3am and died of multiple injuries.

Slavery accused in court

SEVEN members of the same traveller family have appeared at Luton Crown Court this week to face a total of 20 charges of slavery offences. The trial of the six men and one woman, due to be opened in the next few days, follows an investigation into slavery at the Green Acres caravan site in Little Billington, near Leighton Buzzard.

Open letter to MPs

AN OPEN letter from ten local charities has been sent to the city's two MPs to express their concerns at the proposed changes to the Gift Aid system.

NHS expenditure under fire

THE amount of money spent on making people redundant in the city's NHS has been criticised.

Labour Parliamentary spokesman Andrew Pakes has hit out at figures which show almost £1million was spent last year laying off staff as part of the organisation's shake-up.

He said: "We already know that 4,000 nurses' jobs are being axed around the country, now we know how much it is costing Milton Keynes. We have a brilliant health service locally but these figures show the enormous pressure ministers are putting on the NHS."

A spokesman for MK's PCT said it is currently in the process of implementing health reforms.

Conservative MP Iain Stewart said: "The Government is increasing investment in the NHS by £12.5billion per year over the next four years. The current reforms will take power away from bureaucrats and put it in the hands of the people best placed to use it. The short-term costs are dwarfed by the £4.5billion that will be saved over the course of this parliament and £1.5billion every year after."

Estate STAG takes on issues

A NEW residents' group has been set up to try to improve an estate.

The Stantonbury Tenants' Action Group (STAG) was set up after some residents felt Milton Keynes Council was not doing enough. Chairman Ian Jasper pointed to the lack of a grit bin and mould in homes as examples leading to the group's inception.

A council spokesman said: "We are sorry to hear about these issues, we are happy to meet with the members of STAG to understand and investigate their concerns. We would be happy to meet them to discuss these matters in detail."

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SPORT RELIEF 2012

Community Cash a big hit with groups

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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FIFTY-SIX organisations, charities, teams and groups right across the borough have been selected to receive grants following this year's Sport Relief.

The groups all applied to MK Community Foundation to receive a slice of the £50,000 Community Cash, raised from Sport Relief 2012.

The successful applicants were chosen by a panel on Thursday, which included MK NEWS editor Cally Jenkins.

She said: "We were really pleased with the number of applicants we received this year and it was really tough to decide where the money should go.

"Those who are being given Community Cash grants support and represent a really wide and diverse range of people in Milton Keynes.

"Sports teams, brownies and boys brigades, cultural and health support groups are all included in those we chose to receive cash and it was great to see the number of organisations out there for people to go to and get involved with."

Community Cash: Greenleys Local Action Group was awarded £805.58

One of the groups that received money, just more than £800, was Greenleys Local Action Group, set up about five years ago to provide activities for families after school and in the holidays.

Chairman Lisa O'Gormley said: "We will be buying equipment and toys for the group - everything we have got at the moment has been donated, so we would like some brand new stuff."

More than £50million was

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raised countrywide by Sport Relief this year.

Those who helped raise money included people in Milton Keynes who took part in the Sport Relief Mile on Sunday, March 25.

The cash goes to worthy causes right here in Milton Keynes, as well as the rest of the UK and across the globe.

Also on the panel selecting the recipient groups was Bart Gamber of MK Community Foundation.

He said: "We are absolutely thrilled at the response we've had to this year's Sport Relief Community Cash programme in Milton Keynes.

"With this £50,000 we are awarding 56 grants to a wide array of terrific community projects and services in Milton Keynes and these projects will touch the lives of literally thousands of local people over the next year.

"This is a fantastic result and a very welcome addition to the ongoing grant making programmes that MK Community Foundation has to offer."

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Can Do:MK £753.18
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Different Strokes (Milton Keynes Group) £1,000
The Drawing Machine £1,000
The Edge Youth £1,000
Emerson Valley Brownies £952
Fifth Newport Pagnell Brownies £525
First Newport Pagnell Company Boys Brigade £1,000
Franklins Croft Green Spaces Project £770
Fullers Slade and Galley Hill Community Links £1,000
Great Linford Tennis Club £1,000
Greenleys Local Action Group £805.58
Hewabora Community Development £998.80
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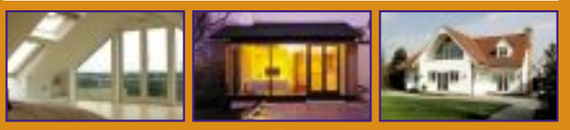

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Tell us your plans for Queen's jubilee

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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COMMUNITIES all over the borough are gearing up for one of the biggest celebrations the country has ever seen.

And if you tell MK NEWS about what you are doing for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee weekend, we could feature it in a future edition.

Events such as the Shenley Fete are already looking like great fun.

Organiser Steve Thompson said: "Every year we have a fete in Shenley Brook End, but we have brought it forward a month to link up with the jubilee celebrations. It will be a fun day with lots of live music, plenty of food and activities for young and old.

"To mark the day we are looking for members of the community who lived in Shenley Brook End on the Queen's ascension to the throne to help plant an oak tree, so any readers who were living here in 1952 please contact the organising committee."

The Shenley Fete will take place at the village green and hall on Monday, June 4 from 1.30pm.

If you want to be involved e-mail sbefete2012@btinternet.com.

There's also a lot happening in Stony Stratford. Among a host of events across the weekend, on June 4 the town council is organising a five kilometre fun run, with a toddlers' dash and event for young runners.

If you want to take part, visit www.stonystratford.gov.uk.

There will then be a big jubilee lunch at Mortimer Park, in Calverton Road, from 1-4pm with a pig roast and cream teas.

So far Milton Keynes Council has had 37 enquiries about hosting a jubilee party, with 31 confirmed dates and times for road closures.

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Jubilee spirit: Steve Thompson, *left,* with organising committee members Ian and Sarah Nicholson at Shenley Brook End Village Hall

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Could you survive on just £1 a day?

BY ANNA MAUREMOOTOO
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A DEDICATED fundraiser is challenging the way people think about poverty by living off just £1 a day.

Rebecca Brown, 23, from Olney, is taking part in the Live Below the Line poverty campaign to raise money for Restless Development.

She recently started working for the youth-led development agency and was encouraged to take part in the challenge by colleagues who have already completed it.

Around the world many people have no choice but to live with such restrictions every day and Rebecca hopes that people following her experience will reflect on this.

She said: "I'm hoping that people will follow my blog and be encouraged to take part in the challenge, or change their attitude and maybe think about whether they could live off such a small amount of money."

Although she is looking forward to seeing how she is able to cope on such a limited food supply during the five-day challenge, she says she will miss her sugary snacks.

Living below the line: Rebecca Brown will have to survive on £1 a day

She added: "I'll have to use my money for things like rice and pasta so I won't be able to have sugary things. I'll also miss tea because I'll be restricted to water."

Luckily Rebecca can go to her colleagues for advice on how to best get through the challenge.

She said: "I've been advised to plan ahead and buy all my food at the start so I don't get tempted along the way and also to buy a pack of custard creams because they are cheap."

Restless development works in 50 countries, mainly in Africa and Asia, providing people with skills, resources and sexual health education. It also works to ensure young people are not overlooked in development processes that directly impact their lives.

Rebecca will be taking up the challenge between May 7 and 11.

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Hazard for hedgehogs

Concern: Margaret Burke from the Ark Wildlife Hospital with the elastic bands she claims posties have dropped in Milton Keynes

BY ANNA MAUREMOOTOO
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HEDGEHOG lovers are getting prickly about posties discarding elastic bands which are injuring the animals.

Royal Mail gets through two million rubber bands a day while binding up post and many of them can end up discarded on the streets.

Although the elastic bands may seem harmless, hedgehogs, as well as other animals such as ducks, mistake them for food and can end up tangled in them.

In just one day, Margaret Burke from Ark Wildlife Hospital, based in Bradville, picked up 76 rubber bands she claims were dropped by posties in Redbridge and Crosslands in Stantonbury.

She said: "Hedgehogs are inquisitive little things and they mistake the elastic bands for worms.

"I've seen ducks and smaller birds get stuck in them too because they are not strong enough to get out of them.

"It's not just dangerous for the animals, it can be dangerous for people trying to rescue them depending on where the animals are stuck."

Curious hedgehogs get the bands stuck around their bodies which can become embedded into their skin.

Val Bodden from Royal Mail said that postmen in Milton Keynes will be reminded about the issue now that it has once again been bought to its attention.

She added: "Royal Mail uses biodegradable rubber bands because it is necessary when it comes to the effective sorting and delivery of the mail.

"Royal Mail regularly reminds postmen and women about the importance of avoiding litter.

"The vast majority of rubber bands are reused by our people in delivery offices and mail centres across the UK."

However, according to Ms Burke the bands do not biodegrade quickly enough.

She said: "The elastic bands are biodegradable but it takes weeks for them to breakdown and by this time it's too late."

The British Hedgehog Preservation Society has also been campaigning to get the issue under control.

It can provide residents with postcards to hand to their postie or send to their local sorting office.

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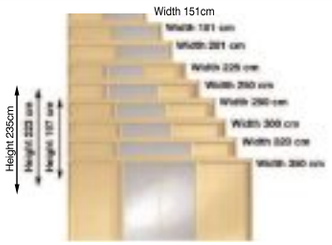

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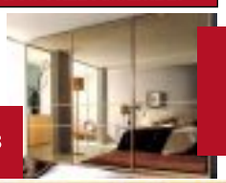

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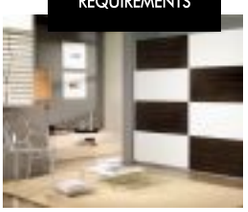

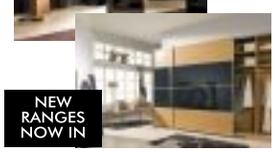

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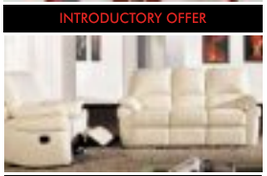

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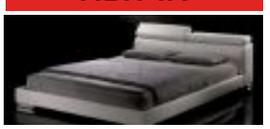

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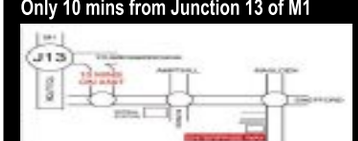

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Art attack at Woburn

THE village of Woburn and the grounds of the abbey have been taken over by art.

The annual Woburn ARTBEAT project, now in its third year and running until April 27, has turned the village and abbey into a massive art gallery, with a number of different exhibitions on show.

It's free to visit venues in the village but charges apply for the grounds of the abbey. See www.woburnartbeat.co.uk/2012.aspx.

ARTBEAT: Woburn village has been turned into a large gallery

Chance to have say on new homes plan

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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VIEWS are being sought on plans for a large residential development near a town.

A public exhibition is being held this weekend so residents of Woburn Sands can view plans for the former Nampak site.

The scheme for the 3.75 hectare site currently proposes a residential development, with an employment area fronting the railway line for businesses.

Hosted by planning consultancy Woolf Bond Planning, the exhibition is due to take place at the town's Summerlin Centre on Friday from 2-8pm and on Saturday between 10am and 1pm.

Jeremy Woolf, planning consultant working for Taylor Wimpey, said: "This is the final phase of the development and we're in the process of firming up the detail, following useful discussions with Woburn Sands Town Council.

"We want the community to be involved in finalising the project and we hope the exhibition will be well attended.

"There is no fixed figure for the amount of dwellings to be provided and we welcome community views on the balance between the number of houses and flats."

Feedback forms will be provided at the event.

Any comments received by May 3 will be taken into account when the proposals are finalised before a planning application is submitted.

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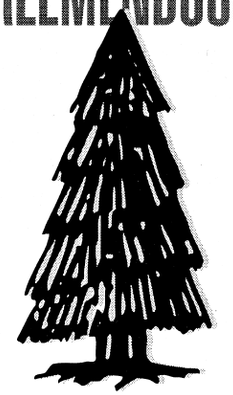
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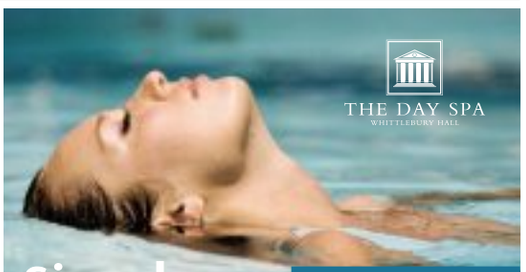

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The Rebecca De Winter Band will be playing at Unplugged in the Park on Saturday, June 16

Four festivals for free this summer

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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IF YOU'RE missing out on Glastonbury this year, or have always wanted to go revelling without the need for the obligatory wellies, then check out Campbell Park this summer.

That's because this year there are four free festivals taking place at the park in Milton Keynes.

Following on from the success of the Summer Fayre free music and dance festival last year, which had almost 10,000 visitors, organisers Gecko Events have decided to put on three extra events this time around.

The organisers say the aim of the events is to bring together promoters, performers and people, working together to make these concerts a 'very special, magical and inspirational experience' for music fans in Milton Keynes and beyond.

Kicking off on June 16 and 17 will be Unplugged in the Park, with acoustic, folk and blues artists, as well as singer-songwriters.

From rock icon Del Bromham and blues guitar sensation Bex Marshall to soul diva Nicky Prince and the Rebecca De Winter Band, the latest singer-songwriters, special unplugged acoustic sets and much more can be found across this first weekend.

This includes festival food, a fully licensed bar, market area and kids' funfair.

The second of the free festivals is Spotlight Music and Comedy on Saturday and Sunday, July 7 and 8.

Chris Purchase

It will showcase not just any Tom, Dick or Harry, but the best up-and-coming comedians from around the UK, compered by Chris Purchase and his Dry Spot Comedy Club.

The laughs will be delivered outside at the newly-developed Campbell Park amphitheatre.

Bands with an array of styles will sandwich the comedians on the main stage each day.

Then on July 14 and 15, the Urban Spirit Festival will take over the park, promising a cutting-edge, action-packed weekend of street dance, BMX and skate displays, as well as contemporary bands and DJs.

Over the weekend there will be a mix of metal, punk, hip hop, rock, indie and alternative, as well as the explosive A-Pex Street Dance Crew and Team Extreme Skate/BMX collective putting on breathtaking displays.

There will also be a second smaller stage, presenting some new talents.

On August 4 and 5 the popular Summer Fayre Festival returns, with the Daisy Fields Arena for music fans young and old and the Ultra Vegas urban village, for those of you whose music tastes lean towards the electronic.

■ For more details and full line-up, visit www.mk-news.co.uk.

A-Pex Street Dance Crew will be wowing the crowds at the Urban Spirit Festival on Saturday, July 14

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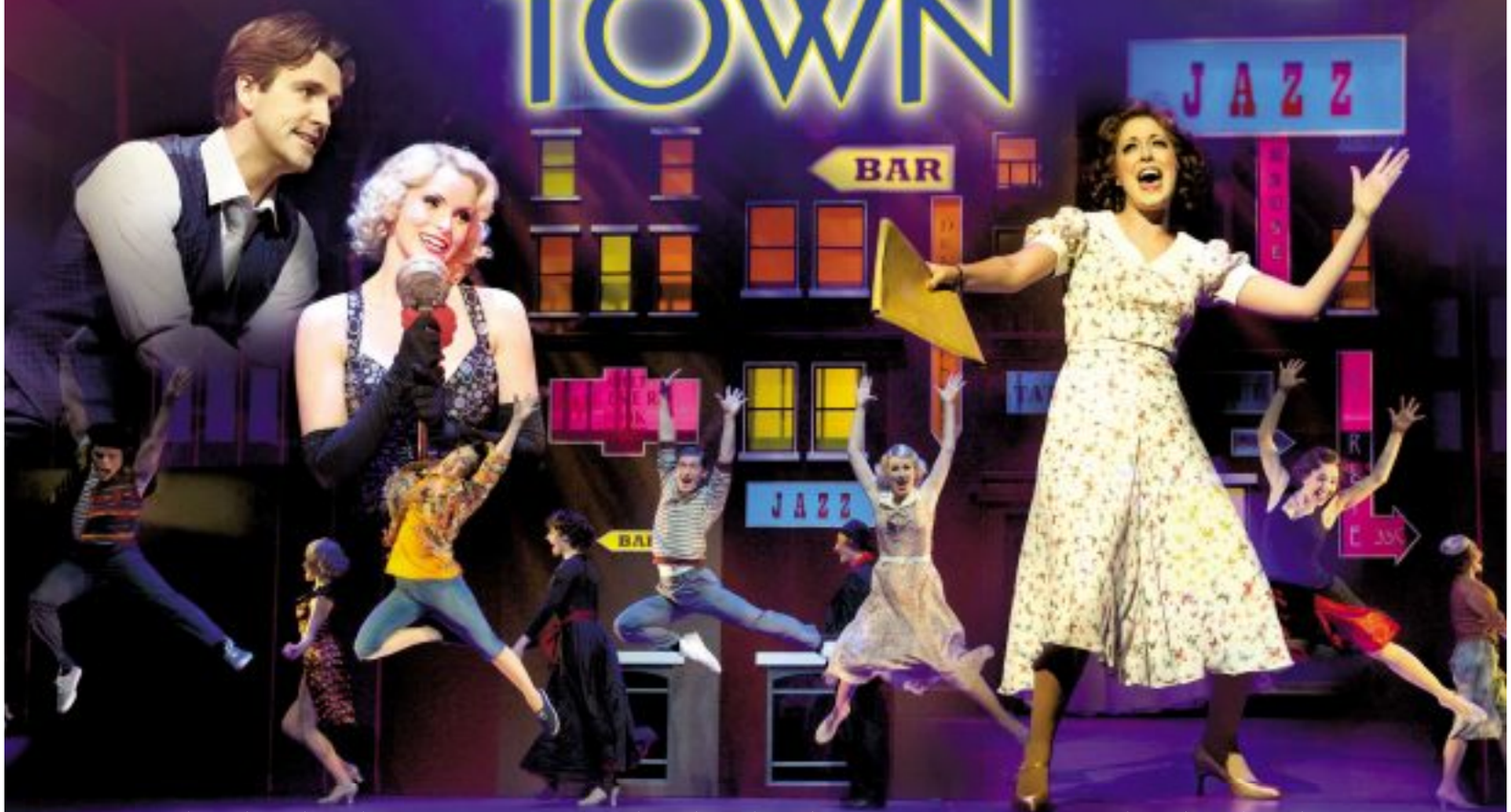

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An urn-believable catch for angler

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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A FISHERMAN had a very rare catch last week when he snared an urn with some ashes still inside.

And now he is asking whether the family would like it returned to them.

Angler Simon Denny, from Willen village, was fishing for pike on Willen Lake north last Wednesday.

After spending a couple of hours on the lakeside he noticed something floating in the water.

Thinking it was rubbish, he managed to cast his line over the object and lure it into his landing net.

On closer inspection he discovered it was a plastic urn, with some remains still inside.

The container carries the name Mehar Singh Dhariwal, who was cremated in Bedford on March 12.

Mr Denny said: "I was fishing for pike and there was this brown thing bobbing around in the water.

"I just assumed it was another bit of rubbish someone had chucked in.

"I have caught pike, roach, bream and tench from this lake, but not an urn.

Caught a little urn: Simon Denny with his catch

"Luckily the water does not have a close season, otherwise the remains could have been bobbing about for ages.

"I would have thought a lot of people scatter their ashes here because it's a peaceful lake and it's a beauty spot.

"The urn was largely empty, but not completely.

"Someone has tipped out most of the remains and whether they've thrown the urn in the lake or it's slipped out of their hands, I'm not sure.

"So if anyone has lost a funeral urn at Willen Lake north, I would be delighted to give it back.

"If someone wants to come and collect it they can, I have it at home.

"If no-one claims it, I'm sure I will have a personal interest in finding a use for it one day."

■ If you know the family, or would like the urn returned to you, e-mail adam.grinsell@mk-news.co.uk, or call the news desk on 01908 689582.

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Seventeen of the 51 Milton Keynes Council seats are up for grabs and here MK NEWS lists the runners and riders.

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John Bailey (Conservative)
Paul Bowler (Green Party)
Sue Burke (Liberal Democrat)
Adrian Pitfield (UK Independence Party (UKIP))
Rita Venn (Labour)

Bradwell
***Philip Gerrella (Independent)**
Patrick McQuillan (Lib Dem)
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Campbell Park
David Batt (UKIP)
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***Isabella Fraser (Independent)**
Darron Kendrick (Lib Dem)
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Denbigh
Steven Beaumont (UKIP)
Edis Bevan (Lib Dem)
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Maggie Geaney (Conservative)
Michael Legg (Labour)

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Kevin Geaney (Conservative)
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Stuart Leeming (UKIP)
Alfred Vella (Lib Dem)
Robert Webb (Labour)

Emerson Valley
Sean Barnes (Liberal Democrat Focus Team)
Philip Buckley (Green)
Mohammed Khan (Labour)
Philip Pinto (UKIP)
***Gerald Small (Conservative)**

Loughton Park
***Don Hoyle (Conservative)**
Michael Lovell (Green)
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Kat Creaser (Green)
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***Mike Barry (Independent)**
Graham Findlay (Green)
Marc O'Brien (UKIP)
James Orr (Conservative)
Alan Price (Labour)

Newport Pagnell South
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Courtney Jones (Labour)
Joyce Tootill (Lib Dem)

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VOTING?

Would you spend £1,800,000 on a Gypsy/Traveller Site for 3 priority families?

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Build 10 wheelchair council houses instead?

An Extraordinary Meeting of the Council will be held on Wednesday 18th April 6.30pm in the Council Chambers.

Residents want to build houses. Our Milton Keynes Cabinet want to build houses. Independent, Conservative and Green Party Councillors all want to build houses.

MK Council Officials produced a 134 page report called the 'Findings of the Fenny Lock Gypsy and Travellers site Review'. It concluded that only 3 traveller families were entitled to priority housing in MK. 4 pitches could be found to extend the existing Willen Travellers site. The £1.2m left would then build 10 wheelchair accessible council houses. That still leaves 350+ priority families with housing problems within Milton Keynes. Residents voted 18:1 in favour of this.

Except a small group of Lib/Dem and Labour Councillors who insist a ''Rolls Royce'' 10 pitch travellers site must bebuilt.

This group seem to be able to control both the local Lib/Dem and Labour parties, refusing to accept the Review's findings and use ever more flimsy excuses to support their ideology, ranging from the ethnic rights of travellers, irrelevant 1998 statistics, creative accountancy, to 'fiddling' council budgets.

We will identify and list those Councillors who vote for Traveller **wants** above Milton Keynes citizens' **needs**.

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They will also be waitressing and helping out at Bletchley Rugby Club on Saturday in return for donations.

For a good cause: The Hot Foxy Love Puddings Team

Parade will be a great chance to Celebr8mk

BY DAN PALMER

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PLANS for a major parade which will be a celebration of Milton Keynes are in full swing.

The fourth Celebr8mk event has been pencilled in for Campbell Park on August 11 and will be open to absolutely everyone.

Gavin Anderson, one of the organisers, said the parade was not exclusively for one section of the community and anyone who wants to celebrate their group, faith or hobby can take part.

The first Celebr8mk was held in 2008 and the event continued for two years until a break in 2011.

It is hoped this year's parade will begin at Campbell Park, before heading along Marlborough Gate, Silbury Boulevard, and Saxon Gate and ending back at the park.

In addition, a separate event will be held in the park on the same day by the city's LGBTQ awareness group MK Pride, just one of the organisations taking part in the wider parade. This event aims to highlight inclusion and awareness and will feature performances, stalls and rides.

Milton Keynes South MP Iain Stewart is backing the plans.

He said: "I am in support of promoting diversity."

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Step back in time with movie nights

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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THE history of the area will be on show for all to see in the coming weeks - and your camcorder memories are also needed to help record the borough's past.

People's history project Living Archive has organised two free evenings of film, paid for by the Heritage Lottery Fund, focusing on local life captured on camera by people living here.

Not only will audiences get the chance to spot faces, places and red letter days they remember, but Living Archive also needs viewers to search attics and cupboards for their own home movies from yesteryear.

Among the gems on screen will be footage from the Newport Pagnell and Bletchley carnivals, the construction of the M1, and a football match where players included the disgraced media magnate Robert Maxwell.

Living Archive's Colin Barrett said: "It's going to be great fun for people, enjoying again events and places they remember the first time around, and perhaps even spotting themselves.

"For those who are newer to this area, the film nights will be a chance to discover what life was like before the new city and for the early pioneers who chose to make their future here."

Looking to the past: Colin Barrett, Ursula White and Clive Mendus

The first film, Crazy Days and Carnivals, is at the United Reform Church in Newport Pagnell on Friday from 7.30pm. Entry is free, with no need to book.

The second screening, Picturing our past: Bletchley and Fenny Stratford on Film, takes place at Bletchley Library, Westfield Road, on Wednesday, April 25 at 7.30pm. Anyone wanting to attend should pick up a free ticket from Bletchley library.

Colin added: "We hope as well as coming along to enjoy a great night's entertainment people will start thinking about any film footage they may have hiding at home that will help us properly document Milton Keynes life, before and since the new city.

"Our plan is to digitise these films before they vanish or disintegrate, so we have them for future generations. But we'd also like to use the best in future film nights across Milton Keynes."

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Statues showcase town's rich history

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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THE past of one of the country's most historically important towns is being celebrated by two new, larger-than-life residents.

The award-winning redevelopment of Wolverton Park, at the site of the old railway works, has unveiled two statues which incorporate aspects of the town's heritage.

Places for People, the property group behind the housing development, and Milton Keynes Council have installed the two eight metre-high statues created by sculptor Martin Heron, which straddle either side of the Grand Union Canal.

In a nod to Wolverton's history, one of the sculptures features the bloomer steam locomotive built at Wolverton Works in the 19th century, while rail tracks form the figure's body.

The material used is corten steel, developed in the USA during the '50s for railroads.

On the other side of the canal stands an imposing stainless steel figure, which features a velodrome that once existed in Wolverton Park and a group of cyclists on bikes, including a penny farthing, racing along its arm.

The artwork is the result of consultations with the local community - workshops were held with 100 residents and groups and the designs were showcased at a heritage open day at the park which attracted 2,000 people.

Elliott Stiling, sales director at Wolverton Park, said: "We're really delighted with Martin's sculptures and they look perfectly at home in such a grand setting. We're sure they will become part of the fabric of the site and be talked about by the local community in years to come, as part of the wider history of Wolverton Park."

Wolverton Park is a Grade II-listed former railways works in Milton Keynes, which has been redeveloped to provide new housing, leisure and commercial facilities.

Last year it was named as one of the top five developments in the world at a ceremony in Los Angeles.

David Cowans, chief executive for Places for People, MK mayor Alan Richards, David Hill, chief executive of Milton Keynes Council, mayoress Christina Richards and Andrew Geary, current leader of Milton Keynes Council, by the bloomer statue

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WITH hundreds of kilometres of cycle tracks in Milton Keynes, a new activity coming to the city is sure to be popular.

If you are crazy about cycling, or love the planet and want to get people thinking about energy use, then the city's first cycle-powered cinema is for you.

On Saturday, April 28, cycling and environmental enthusiasts will be heading to Foundation House in The Square, Wolverton, for a training day with a difference.

Independent Cinema MK, in association with Milton Keynes Festival Fringe, will be running a hands-on training session with London-based company Magnificent Revolution to get people thinking about energy usage.

The company uses cycle-powered devices to teach and help people understand how their energy use is linked with power production and climate change.

The day will conclude with a showing of the 1948 Italian drama Bicycle Thieves, which will be entirely powered by pedalling.

On your bike: Cyclists will power the film screening

Ursula White is the projects director for Vagabond Cinema, which is also involved in the initiative.

She said: "The day-long workshop is about how to make a low cost, low impact system of electricity. So we want people to come along to that and to the film in the evening.

"This is all to gear up to a huge event in Midsummer Place on July 27, where we will have 20 bikes and will be showing animations on a large screen."

Tickets to the film are £5 (£3 concessions) and the training day is £10 (£5 concessions), including the film.

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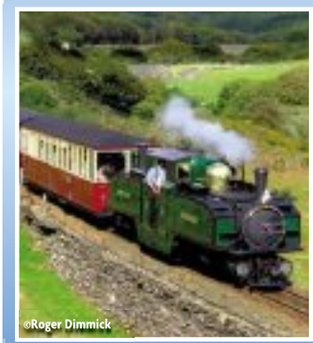

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Helping couple have a rosy wedding day

BY ANNA MAUREMOOTOO

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A FLORIST is helping to make sure one couple has a blooming marvellous wedding day.

As part of the £20,000 wedding prize given away by MK NEWS, Ruth's Floral Design Studio in Wolverton has given winners Mark Basson and Sophie Smyth a flower package worth about £400.

Owner Ruth Staff has more than 15 years experience in the industry so the happy couple can rest assured that the flowers will be almost as beautiful as the bride.

Sophie said: "They are very welcoming and have some lovely ideas for flower arrangements. We are very grateful to Ruth for what she has given us."

On the big day the bridesmaids will be carrying white roses and Sophie's bouquet will also feature roses and calla lilies.

Ruth's Floral Design Studio has built a reputation for supplying beautiful flowers and regularly takes part in wedding fairs with other bridal suppliers to provide a complete experience for couples planning their big day.

Sophie and Mark's fairytale wedding will be held at the picturesque Horwood House next month.

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Designer shows off latex fashion

BY ANNA MAUREMOOTOO
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LATEX has a new place in fashion, according to one up-and-coming designer who wants to bring it to the forefront of the industry.

Sasha Powell of Verity Close, Oldbrook, will be showing off her latex designs at Spitalfields Traders Market in London on Friday as part of Alternative Fashion Week.

Designing clothes under the name Sashalouise, the 21-year-old has taken inspiration from iconic designer Vivienne Westwood.

Her collection aims to shake up the fashion rules with clothes that are tailored but rebellious.

She said: "When people think of latex they think fetish but my designs aren't like that.

"I've had some great feedback but I'm hoping to show a wider audience and Alternative Fashion Week is an opportunity for me to do that."

The annual event is funded by the Alternative Arts Council and is a fantastic platform for new designers who otherwise could not afford to put on a show to showcase their talent.

Sasha explained that she is both excited and nervous about the event.

She said: "Once the show starts I think it will be fun but at the moment I'm really scared.

"Hopefully the models and the makeup artist will turn up and everything will go smoothly."

What you wear is often seen as an extension of your personality and Sasha, who recently graduated from the London Collage of Fashion, is hoping that people will buy her pieces and integrate them into their own style.

She added: "I want people to make my designs their own.

"I'm not trying to sell them an outfit, I'm selling individual pieces.

"My mum was dubious about latex at first but now she loves it and wants one of the jackets."

As well as creating her own range, Sasha is currently working for Kim West AT Luxury Latex.

Sasha Powell with some of her designs

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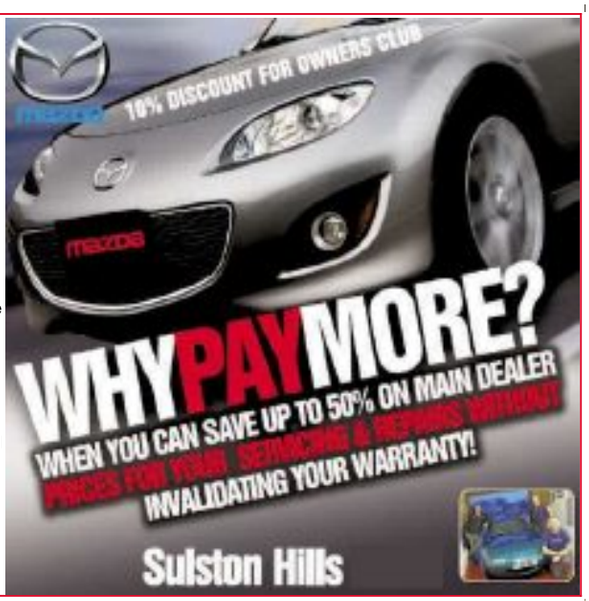

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Before she had her children, Kelly also trained in Swedish Body massage and hopes to re-start this side of Fitness Milton Keynes soon and recruit some new therapy clients. Kelly has always loved dancing, so when she heard about the new ZUMBA Fitness© craze she couldn't resist having a go herself..

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During a recession, can businesses actually flourish?

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PC sales have gone up, companies like Apple have seen their businesses jump in leaps and bounds.Gadgets are hugely popular and whilst they aren't actually necessary, the fast life we now lead, powers us to want them.

New technological advances in TV entertainment means that sales have been maintained. 3D TV & flat screen technology, have both helped in this area.

Accountants tend to thrive in recessional times, people still have to pay their taxes and businessess need to get the most out of their income. Financial advisors normally see an increase during these times as people need to consolidate or find the best mortgage. When moving house is not an option, they also assist on finding a loan to improve our homes and protect our assets.

Healthcare companies are still going strong as this is an area that never changes whether the times are good or bad. Rental and property agents often see their businesses grow as people who manage to sell their houses decide to rent rather than purchase whilst the recession is on.

It's often said that sales of cosmetics and beauty treatments tend to soar during these times as women try and look for the feel-good factor.

Bargain or discount shops always thrive and very often expand as people no longer shop until they drop, preferring to seek more for their money.

Recruitment companies can actually do very well as people look to see if they can better their income during this period.

Car repair companies can be very busy as people look to keep their vehicles in shape, rather than wait to find that their car is ready for the scrapheap, rather than purchase new.

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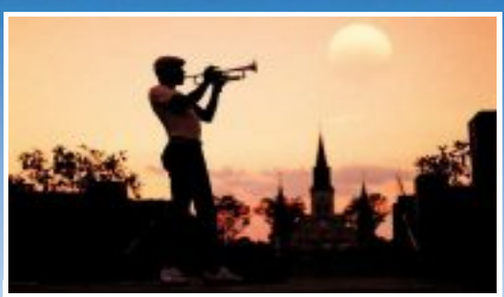

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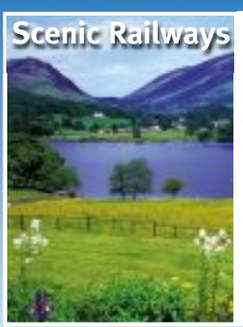

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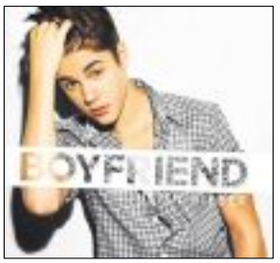

I'LL be honest with you, I am a non-Belieber (as his fans call themselves).

Show me proof that one good Justin Bieber song exists and I will happily repent and Beliebe, but until then you shouldn't expect to find me worshipping JB any time soon, and certainly not when the Hatters need my prayers even more urgently.

So, you may be wondering, what's wrong with this song.

Where to start, dear reader, where to start.

Tell you what, let's kick off with the melody, that's always a good place to begin.

In ye olden days, when musicians wanted to show that they'd grown up they had three options:

1. Do a Wet Wet Wet (wall-to-wall balladeering because everyone knows that once you become an adult your ears can't take anything over 60 beats per minute).

2. Do a Depeche Mode (go completely the other way by beefing up the sound and singing about big business and the world around us).

3. Do an Erasure (bring out an experimental album loaded with 10-minute-plus songs that scares away a huge chunk of the fanbase - even though it's still the best album they've ever done).

All very worthy, but these days there's an extra option; namely to strip your songs down as far as they can possibly go.

How far can Bieber go, you ask (or not).

Well, he raps, quietly. He sings, occasionally.

An owl hoots repeatedly. A guitar strums. A drum machine is barely switched on. That's it, that's all you get.

If it was any more minimal you'd be able to hear a gentle breeze and a dog barking in the distance.

In fairness, what little there is of the tune is okay as far as it goes, which admittedly isn't very far; come to think of it the song only just has enough puff to make its way out of the speakers.

However, as is the way of things, the lyrics bring things down.

As you and my other reader are all too aware by now, lyrical quality isn't usually high up on the list of priorities when making a pop song.

Buzz Lightyear is mentioned, and so is keeping his girlfriend on his arm (is his girlfriend a budgie?), so rest assured the quality bar hasn't been raised on that side of things.

All told though, this song could have been a lot worse, or better, depending on your view.

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Ultimate Bowie pays tribute to the work of this global superstar, in a show that is visually stunning and vocally impressive.

Ed Blaney takes the spotlight and leads an eight-piece band that takes you from David Bowie's early years with hits such as Starman, through his remarkable career to songs like Let's Dance, China Girl and many more.

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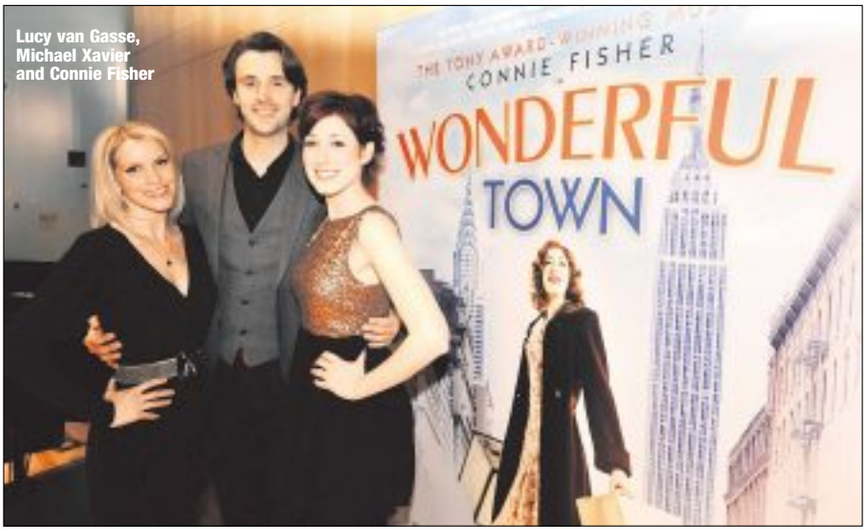

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The little snail is amazed by it all, but starts feeling very small in the vastness of the world.

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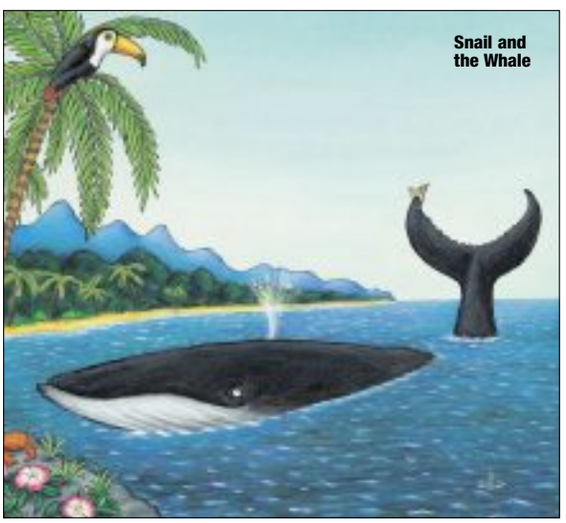
Tall Stories (creators of the Gruffalo and Room on the Broom stage shows) present their unique style, combining physical storytelling, live music and lots of laughs.

Tickets cost £7.50 for adults, £5.50 for children and £22 for a family.

They are available from the box office on 01908 324422, or www.stantonbury.org.uk.

The show is suitable for children aged four and over.


Snail and the Whale

CHRYSALIS THEATRE

MELODIES AND MEMORIES

Saturday, 7.30pm

ENJOY a varied programme of music in celebration of the ladies barbershop group Junction 14's 25th anniversary.

Other performers will include MK Acapella, Milton Keynes' men's barbershop chorus, Singchronicity, a small ladies' barbershop group, Pony Express, a men's barbershop quartet, Akeley Wood Junior Choir and Woburn Sands C Band.

Tickets cost £10, concessions £8.

They are available by calling 01908 410270, e-mailing tickets@junction14.org, or on the door.

CALDECOTTE LAKE

MIDSUMMER Veterinary Group is holding an organised public dog walk to mark National Pet Month.

Walk Your Wag's aims is to help raise money for the dogstar foundation, which was founded in 2006 in Milton Keynes and is a volunteer non-profit organisation that provides free veterinary care to dogs and cats in Sri Lanka via fixed and mobile clinics.

National Pet Month seeks to promote responsible pet ownership and raise valuable funds for animal charities.

Phil Sketchily, chairman of National Pet Month, said: "We're delighted that Midsummer Veterinary Group is holding such a great event to show how you and your pets together make a winning team.

"We need to look after our pets responsibly to keep them healthy and happy and they will help keep us healthy and happy too.

"The event will also raise vital funds needed to help dogs less fortunate than our own.

For more information about this and a Top Cat photo event, contact Jaci Warrilow at Midsummer Veterinary Group by e-mailing onjaci@midsummervet.co.uk, or calling 01908 749300.

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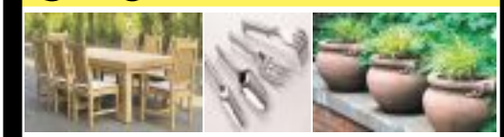

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FILM REVIEW

LOCKOUT (15)

Synopsis: Sci-fi action set in an intergalactic prison
Who's in it: Guy Pearce, Maggie Grace, Peter Stormare

WE OFTEN hear about problems regarding overcrowded jails, but the makers of Lockout seem to have come up with the perfect solution – just send all the prisoners into space.

All of the murderers and other bad guys are cocooned in a giant metal structure which orbits the earth, meaning they are out of everyone's way.

There have been futuristic space-age prisons in many films of years gone by, including Face/Off where inmates were literally stuck to the floor they walked on thanks to magnetic boots.

That particular slammer was also on an oil-rig (making escape doubly difficult) but proceedings in the John Travolta/Nicholas Cage classic quickly descended into chaos and it's exactly the same here.

It doesn't matter if the prisoners are in space, it's a Hollywood movie so there's going to be a fair bit of trouble.

And in Lockout, it does seem like those on the right side of the law are asking for it.

Someone has an intelligence lapse and decides that the President's daughter Emilie (Maggie Grace) should visit the freaky space jail, home to some of America's deadliest criminals.

A riot quickly breaks out and the inmates seize control of the prison, capturing Emilie in the process and leaving a nation holding its breath.

It is decided that Snow (Guy Pearce), a former Government agent who has been falsely convicted of a crime he didn't commit, is the ideal candidate to bring the captured woman home.

He is offered his freedom if he can successfully complete a one-man mission to free her from her terrible predicament.

On paper this seems like a suicidal task but Snow's character is a classic loose cannon, seen so often in the movies, so is naturally up for the task.

From then on the film descends into manly nonsense with various scenes of horrific violence and far too many cheesy one-liners.

The film doesn't have the biggest budget in the world and as a result some of the action sequences seem a bit half-hearted.

Dialogue between Snow and Emilie is also all too familiar, they don't initially get along and begin to bicker with each other as they get stuck in to the unruly bunch of psychopaths.

Lockout never tries to become too clever and the makers of the film have probably never heard of the word pretentious.

It's just a simple action movie and if that sounds like something that is right up your alley then you'll find plenty to enjoy here.

This may remind you of films such as Die Hard, it's something a son can perhaps take his dad to.

But if space prisons, guns and violence isn't your bag then this obviously won't be for you.

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MK GALLERY

NEW EXHIBITION: RISE EARLY, BE INDUSTRIOUS BY OLIVIA PLENDER

Friday-June 17

IT'S time for a new exhibition at MK Gallery, Olivia Plender's Rise Early, Be Industrious.

This is the first survey exhibition for the British artist and has been described as a 'museum of communication'.

Four room-sized installations will trace a line between a selection of Plender's past projects, focussing on historical and contemporary forms of communication and education.

All four rooms feature intriguing content, some of which the public can interact with.

In the Cube Gallery there is a Stockholm Duck House, a replica of the duck house which became a symbol during the MPs expenses scandal, a wicker beehive, symbolic in the Victorian period of the perfect industrious society, and various toys which can be tried out.

Elsewhere, The Long Gallery features a recreation of a 1970s style TV studio titled Open Forum, an opportunity to consider mass education and former BBC director general Lord Reith's idea of television as a 'common culture'.

The Foyer will be transformed into Entrepreneurial Garden – an imitation Google-style working environment with relaxed seating, fake grass flooring, a coffee machine, plants, table football and basketball hoops, along with motivational prints.

Finally, The New Jerusalem installation in the Middle Gallery explores the relations between labour, economy and religion.

A new model made by Plender represents a scene from John Bunyan's Pilgrim's Progress, the most widely-read book in the UK after the bible between the 17th and early 20th centuries.

All are welcome to the exhibition's official opening tomorrow, between 6 and 10pm.

Speeches and welcome will be at 7pm, with music and refreshments from 8pm.

Olivia Plender's Google Office

FRIDAY NIGHT FILMS: ALL THE MEMORY OF THE WORLD AND STATUES ALSO DIE

Friday, 6.30pm

BOTH films have been selected by new exhibitor Olivia Plender.

All the Memory of the World is a documentary about France's Bibliothèque Nationale, or National Library, made for the French Foreign Ministry.

It reveals the behind-the-scenes activities of the library, following a book from its arrival in the vast institution to its placement on the shelf – a 'prisoner' until it is checked out.

Statues Also Die examines African statues and raises questions about their status and presentation in European museums.

Costs £5 (concessions £3). Pre-book on 01908 676900.

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DAILY LIFE

TOMORROW

BOOK signing by John Challis, Waterstone's, Silbury Arcade. John Challis, best known as Boycie from Only Fools and Horses, will be meeting fans and signing copies of his autobiography Being Boycie from 5.30-7pm.

OUTSIDE Edge by Richard Harris, Chameleons Amateur Dramatic Group, Aspley Guise Village Hall. Also on Friday and Saturday. Tickets cost £8, £6 concessions, available from Haskell's Jewellers in Woburn Sands or the box office on 07884 232050. Doors and bar open at 7pm.

FRIDAY

MK MANGA Club Meeting, MK Central Library. At this meeting you can find out more about Children's Day (Kodomo no hi) which is a Japanese national holiday. It takes place annually on May 5. The club meets once a month on a Friday in the Children's Library, from 6-7.45pm.

QUARRY Face Makeover with BTCV Railwalk Conservation Group. Cutting back the vegetation on the quarry face, making the Middle Jurassic Blisworth limestone more visible. From 10.30am-3pm, meet at Campion, Great Linford.

SATURDAY

BARK in the Park, Ouzel Valley Park, 10am. Bring your pooch along and join The Parks Trust rangers for a dog walk and discover a new route. Costs £1 per dog, park in the car park in Woodall Close, Middleton, V10 Brickhill Street.

DISCOVER Your Parks: Bluebell Walk, Howe Park Wood, 10am. Join The Parks Trust rangers for a blue-tiful bluebell walk through the wood. Call 01908 255379, or e-mail events@theparkstrust.com to book your place. This is a special free event as part of the trust's 20th anniversary celebrations. Park in the car park on H7 Chaffron Way.

MK RAMBLERS' eight-mile circular walk towards Hanslope. Meet at 10am at Stonepit car park, off Wolverton Road near Oakridge Park (GR SP844422). Bring refreshments as required. Call 01908 607215.

ST GEORGE'S Day Celebration, Bletchley Working Men's Club. Mercenaries Scooter Club and Stolen Hours Soul Club present a St George's day celebration from midday to midnight. Three live bands playing ska and mod music. DJs playing northern soul, motown, 60s soul, ska and reggae. Entry £5.

SUNDAY

MK RAMBLERS' ten-mile circular walk through Emberton to Filgrave, Tyringham and Sherington. Meet at 10am at Olney market square (GR SP889512). May be muddy. Bring refreshments. Call 01296 714409.

SPACED Out, Woughton Leisure Centre. Live rock band in the theatre at 1pm. Free entry, families welcome.

AORTAS Acoustic Evening Open Mic Night, Vaults Bar, High Street, Stony Stratford. There are no restrictions on what's played - original songs are great. People wishing to play should say on arrival, or in advance if possible on www.facebook/aortasmk, or www.aortas.org.uk. Space is limited so get there early, music starts at 7.30pm.

OPEN mic night, SNO!bar, Xscape. An evening of live music. Free, from 7pm.

MONDAY

QUIZ night, The Barge Inn, Woolstone. This charity quiz is getting more popular by the week. Pit your wits against other teams and raise money for Willen Hospice at the same time. Starts 9pm, £1 for each team member.

TUESDAY

THE Fureys and Davey Arthur, The Stables, Wavendon. The Irish music legends bring their music, songs and stories to The Stables for their 14th appearance there. Don't miss this opportunity to hear them sing all their hits including When You Were Sweet 16, The Green Fields Of France and From Clare To Here. Starts 8pm, tickets £20.

WEDNESDAY

PUSHCHAIRS in the Park, Brooklands, 10-11.30am. Outdoor adventures whatever the weather. Pushchairs optional, wellies essential. Run by the Pre-School Learning Alliance and The Parks Trust. Free, park at Brooklands Farm School, Fen Street, Brooklands, 8-9pm. Call 01908 218915 or e-mail hypnomk@googlemail.com.

CINEWORLD XSCAPE

GEORGE GERSHWIN CONCERT LIVE

Saturday, 6.45pm

THE second in a series of four 30th anniversary classical concerts by the Filarmonica della Scala orchestra from the Teatro all Scala venue in Milan, Italy.

Audiences will have a unique chance of experiencing the concerts in high definition and in audio 5.1 surround sound, as if they have been transported to La Scala in Italy, considered to be one of the worldwide temples of classical music.

Francesco Micheli, one of Italy's most reputed opera directors, will provide exclusive coverage from both behind the scenes and the foyer of La Scala, capturing interviews and commentaries with the artists.

The performance will showcase the considerable talents of classical conductor Riccardo Chailly and jazz pianist Stefano Bollani in a well-loved Gershwin programme, including An American in Paris, Catfish Row and Concerto in F, that promises to explore an extraordinary fusion of jazz and classical music.

Talented: Conductor Riccardo Chailly

The season continues in May, showcasing the works of composers Rachmaninoff, Franceschini, Beethoven and Gabrieli.

To book tickets, visit www.cineworld.co.uk, or call 0871 200 2000.

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To book call Karen Torrington on 01525 290441, or e-mail inn@woburn.co.uk.

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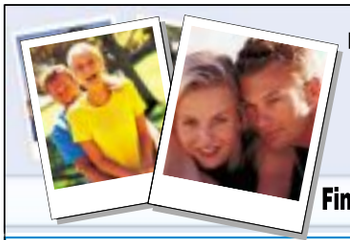

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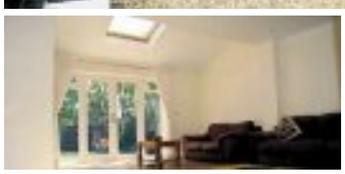

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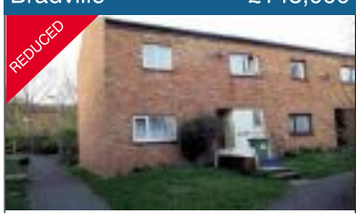

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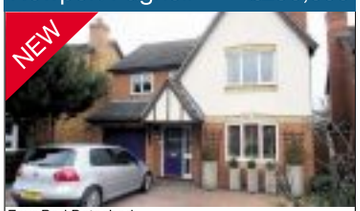

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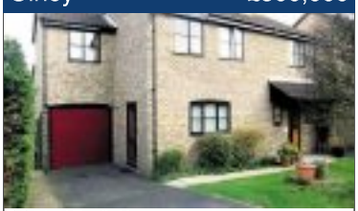

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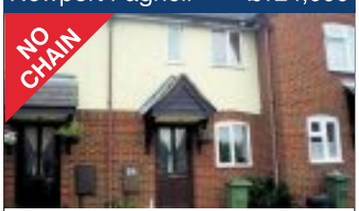

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- Providing clerical and administrative support to the faculty;
- Working with students in classrooms or in small support groups within the designated curriculum team;
- Providing short-term absence cover for teachers where work has been set in advance or by the subject leader.

We would welcome applications from those who have experience within schools and would like to progress to a post of greater responsibility or from candidates who are completing their education and are thinking of working in schools. Any successful candidates could eventually work towards achieving qualified teacher status through the Graduate Training Programme and the Schools Direct Programme that are run at the school or to gain HLTA qualifications. This post may also prove attractive to teachers who are planning to return to a post in education after a career break.

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Bedford Borough Council

Oakley Lower School
Station Road, Oakley, Bedfordshire MK43 7RE

Deputy Head Teacher

Leadership 2 - 6
Full-time

We wish to recruit a Deputy Head Teacher to play a key role in our Senior Leadership Team.

You will:

- Be an excellent classroom practitioner, with a range of primary experience
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- Have high expectations of pupil achievement at all levels in order to lead assessment across the school
- Have a strong commitment to raising standards and a good understanding of securing school improvement
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Visits to the school are warmly encouraged and can be arranged through the School Office.

We actively encourage and welcome applicants from a diverse range of backgrounds and those with disabilities.

For further details and an application pack for this post please contact the School on 01234 822104 or email: oakleyl@deal.bedfordshire.gov.uk

Closing date: 8th May 2012 at 12.30pm.
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Required from September 2012

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Closing date: Wednesday 2nd May 2012 at 12.00 noon

Interview date: Wednesday 9th May 2012

Potential applicants for this post are encouraged to visit. Please contact us to arrange an appointment or to request further information and an application pack.

Visit dates: Friday 20th April 4.00pm
Tuesday 24th April 2.00pm
Thursday 26th April 9.00am

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You will need a background in finance with knowledge of accounting procedures and packages. However, training will be available for specific school based accounting systems, as appropriate.

You will also need good inter-personal skills to work alongside Office Staff, Senior Management and Governors.

Closing date: 9.00 am, Tuesday 24th April, 2012
Interviews: Monday 30th April, 2012

Salary Scale: SO1 Point 29 £24,646 per annum

Application forms and further details are available from the School Office, Crosshall Infant School Academy Trust, 446 Great North Road, Eaton Ford, St. Neots, Cambridgeshire, PE19 7GG.

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The post is subject to references and enhanced CRB clearance.

Redborne Upper School and Community College

Flitwick Road, Ampthill, Bedfordshire MK45 2NU
T: 01525 404462

NOR: 1,400 (420 Sixth Form) 13 – 18 Mixed Comprehensive

SCHOOL DIRECT INITIAL TEACHER TRAINING (ITT)

This exciting new school based programme of Initial Teacher Training is available from September 2012. Five places are available to new trainees at Redborne and our partner schools across Central Bedfordshire. Training places are available in the following subjects:

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- English

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Successful trainees will be awarded Qualified Teacher Status (QTS) and a PGCE from our training provider, which is the University of Bedfordshire. We welcome applicants who have UK residency, GCSE Mathematics and English (or equivalent) at Grade C or above, and a degree – preferably First Class, Upper Second or Lower Second – in the subject in which the candidate wishes to train to teach, or a closely-related subject.

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Ref: 40/0381

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Teacher of the Deaf

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- Adapt their teaching to meet the needs of pupils with limited language, hearing loss and communication difficulties
- Work collaboratively with colleagues in mainstream school as well as the HI Provision, parents and other professionals
- Promote effective inclusion within the mainstream school
- Deliver a range of intervention strategies such as team teaching, small group work, pre/post-tutoring, 1-1 sessions.
- Inspire and motivate pupils to reach their full potential in line with National expectations
- Contribute fully to the values, aims and professional conduct of the school as a whole
- Contribute to a positive 'can do' and 'no excuses' culture.

For an informal discussion, please contact Ms J Walter, Assistant Head - Inclusion or Mrs S Rajani, Head of HI Provision on 01582 534000.

Ref: 40/0380

Class Teacher x 2

MPS/UPS
Required for September 2012

An opportunity has arisen for two Class Teachers to join our popular, well-resourced and forward thinking school.

We are committed to:

- Inclusive practices
- The achievement of high standards
- The professional development of all staff
- Working in close partnership with staff, pupils and the local community

You will be able to:

- Deliver high quality lessons, evaluate their impact and develop future planning accordingly
- Work as part of a team, supporting the ethos, aims and vision of the school
- Participate fully and share responsibility within a curriculum team
- Use assessment data to inform target setting and planning
- Use IT to support both the curriculum and work organisation
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- Assess the needs of individual pupils to inform lesson planning
- Demonstrate commitment towards inclusive teaching and learning.

Ref: 40/0373

Visits to the school are welcome, by appointment.
For further details and an application pack please contact Paula Sanders at the school address or email: icknield.primary.admin@luton.gov.uk
Closing date for Icknield roles: 4 May 2012 at 12 noon.

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Biggleswade Academy Trust

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There will be a strong focus during this period on developing seamless transitions across our entire age and ability range, whilst ensuring **no** detriment to our current pupils. The ability and desire to work flexibly to drive this process would be of great benefit.

There is a degree of flexibility within exactly where these roles could be placed within our Academy and therefore the main criteria for appointment will be the calibre and teaching quality of the applicants. Current considerations for appointments lie within the areas of:

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- Delivering excellence across KS2
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These are key Academy roles for our development over the next 12 months and will require individuals with dedication and a flexible approach to work. The ability to remain energetic, enthusiastic and humorous during this exciting period of development and change is therefore a fundamental requirement of these posts.

Informal conversations and visits to meet the team you could be joining are actively encouraged.

For more details contact Mrs K Doyle, PA to the Academy Principal, at the above address.

Closing date: Tuesday 8th May 12 noon

Interviews will be held week commencing 14th May

Biggleswade Academy Trust is committed to safeguarding the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. Any successful applicant will be expected to undertake an Enhanced Disclosure check by the Criminal Records Bureau.

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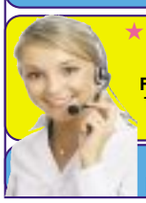

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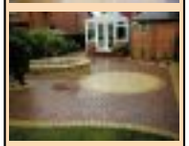

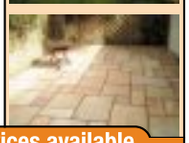

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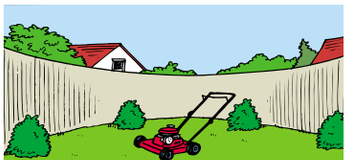

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The effect of the Order will be to temporarily prohibit all vehicular access along the whole length of Garforth Place, Knowlhill and along that part of Davy Avenue, Knowlhill from its junction with Harrison Close to its junction with Roebuck Way and along that part of Kelvin Drive, Knowhill from its junction with Davy Avenue to its junction with Roebuck Way.

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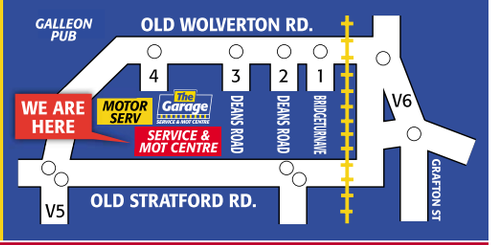

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HOCKEY

MK LADIES' run to the Investec England Hockey Vase Final ended in disappointment on Saturday as Oxted ran out 3-0 winners to claim the silverware.

After four wins in previous rounds MK were finalists for the first time in their history and had support from a large crowd at Reading Hockey Club.

The city side struggled to find their usual form and suffered a blow when key player Karmel Bracken went off injured after 15 minutes.

This forced a reshuffle and Oxted took advantage to open the scoring, a lead they held until half-time despite MK having chances to level.

Some strong defensive work led by player-of-the-match Dee Davis soaked up some Oxted pressure and a shot from Sophie Reynolds nearly levelled the match when it crashed off the post.

But it was Oxted who would score again, this time after a quick break, and with MK then forced to leave gaps at the back they added a third.

The team are still rightfully proud of reaching the final of a national competition and now hope to be crowned league champions on Saturday, when they host Oxford University 2nds.

AMERICAN FOOTBALL

MK PATHFINDERS beat Colchester Gladiators 31-14 in their National League Division 2 East opener.

Colchester scored a touchdown on their opening drive, but MK levelled in the second quarter with a 75 yard touchdown bomb from quarterback Mike Keogh to wide-out Jeremie Leonard.

A 44-yard touchdown scamper regained Colchester's lead but MK remained in touch with a vital eight yard catch from tight end Rich Smith on a crucial third and goal play.

In the second half, the Pathfinders defence dominated to keep Colchester at bay and MK grabbed three further touchdowns to complete their win.

The Keogh and Leonard combination linked up again, cornerback Chris Parr ran in a 75-yard interception and fullback Rick Price completed the win.

Pathfinders next travel to Maidstone Pumas.

TABLE TENNIS

ANDREW Baggaley could not book his Olympic place under his own steam at the European Qualification Tournament in Luxembourg.

He will have one more chance at the World Qualification Tournament in Doha next month, but failure here would mean he would have to rely on being picked for one of GB's three automatic spots.

LOCAL FOOTBALL

STONY Stratford hammered CS Athletic 12-1 to go top of the MK Sunday League Premier Division and move within two points of the title.

Other games saw Trade2U beat FC Lifesearch 6-0 and Kings Arms beat Padbury AFC 2-1, while Great Mile Ash and Stantonbury Social A were awarded their games against Loughton Athletic and Open University respectively.

In Division One, Olney came from 3-1 down to beat AFC Santander 4-3 in the key top of the table clash, and now lead the way on goal difference.

SWIMMING

MEMBERS of the City of Milton Keynes Swimming Club won the Best Overall Team Award for the fourth year running at the final round of the Mini Meet Grand Prix 2011/2012 in Peterborough on Saturday.

ROLLER DERBY

THE city's Concrete Cows skated their way to victory against Vendetta Vixens from Northampton as part of the local 'End of the World Series'.

Cows triumphed 290-52 and now have three wins from three under their belt.

DRAGON BOAT RACING

SEVERAL thousand people are expected to visit Caldecotte North Lake on Saturday as the Secklow Hundred club hosts its annual event for the British Dragon Boat National League, with a 10am start.

ROLLER HOCKEY

ROLLER Hockey is up and running in the city, thanks to the MK Steamrollers.

The club, set up by Mike Lucas, compete at the top level in the Southern Regional Ball League.

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Karl's pass masters melt down the Iron

KARL Robinson has insisted that heading into the play-offs bang in form is not essential, but if his players continue to play like they did at Scunthorpe then he will surely be absolutely ecstatic.

Dons ripped apart an Iron side who had previously been unbeaten in ten matches to leap-frog Huddersfield into fourth place in League One and all but ensure their play-off spot.

March was a month where dropped points from winning positions became an all too frequent theme but any gloom that run caused now seems like a distant memory after the 3-0 victory at Glanford Park.

A tannoy announcement before the game requested that a home supporter return to his car as his wife was struggling to start it.

If they did get it going he might as well have driven home as his side were clearly second best.

Dean Bowditch's tap-in separated the two sides after an even first half but Robinson's pass masters turned on the style after the break to blow away ten-man Iron.

Dan Powell's finish and a Shaun Williams cracker buried Alan Knill's men who were barely at the races in the second half.

Robinson described it as 'almost the perfect win' but he believes that form goes out the window when the play-offs begin.

The boss will not confirm the club's play-off spot until dropping out is mathematically impossible, but with his side now comfortably embedded he could well be planning for the end of season showdown in secret.

He said: "It's not about going into the play-offs in form, it's almost like an FA Cup or a derby clash.

"I think it's more about the players getting fitter and we seem to be getting fitter at a good stage of the season."

A monsoon of rain drenched the turf prior to kick off which suited Dons and their famed passing game perfectly.

They knocked it around in a classy fashion, in a performance which echoed scintillating displays seen earlier this season.

Dean Bowditch sprints away after smashing home the opener

Robinson may not believe that form matters, but Dons fans would much rather see this side end the season than the one which suffered disappointing results against Preston, Brentford, Carlisle and Wycombe.

Visiting supporters were treated to three well worked goals against a side who have established themselves as draw specialists during their ten match unbeaten run.

Bowditch smashed the first into the roof of the net from close range after a pinpoint pass from Charlie MacDonald, who then waited patiently to tee up Powell who thundered home number two.

Williams saved the best for last by rifling past Sam Slocombe from close to 40 yards with an unstoppable thunderbolt.

Scunthorpe had Jordan Robertson sent-off after his trailing hand caught Gary MacKenzie in the face, who promptly went to ground.

There was confusion over the red card which was given after consultation with the fourth official on the sidelines.

Robinson admitted to being unsure as to whether the referee is allowed to receive such help, after other fourth officials have refused to act during the season.

But it had no impact on the result and the manager was left purring.

He said: "We want to finish one place higher than last season in fourth and we're going to go out all guns blazing.

"We conducted ourselves in a professional and classy way, it was almost the perfect performance. I just think we showed tremendous class."

A fourth place finish would see the vital play-off second leg played at stadiummk.

Robinson was particularly happy to see his side adopt a ruthless streak which has perhaps been missing in recent weeks.

"I just feel that we've found the games comfortable and felt that 1-0 is enough," he said.

"At this level there are some very good players that are capable of nicking a goal and it's cost us a few times, like against Carlisle, Wycombe, Preston.

I've asked them to be a little more ruthless in the front positions and we did that."

We can't take our foot off the gas says Dons' shot stopper

DONS keeper David Martin says that there will be no let up from the team despite a play-off spot now looking safe.

The number one, who has broken the club's clean sheet record which he set himself last year, doesn't want the intensity to stop until the last ball has been kicked.

He said: "I just want to stay switched on now until the last game of the season.

"We can't take our foot off the pedal, we want to finish above Huddersfield."

Martin added that the squad were looking forward to the make-or-break end-of-season games when promotion to the Championship will be at stake.

"We've people in our team who were here last year and new additions who thrive on big games," he said. "All of the squad is looking forward to it.

"I think it's different from last year when we were massive underdogs, although I wouldn't say we were odds on at the moment.

"Last year was just about trying to get through the play-offs but this year we're going to enjoy them."

Martin said that he was pleased to create the new record, which he levelled against Tranmere before breaking in Saturday's match with Scunthorpe.

"I think it's 17 clean sheets now so it's a good record," he said.

"I've had a good back four in front of me all season, and I think we defend from the front.

"There's more to do when I'm away from home, but I've enjoyed every minute I've played this season.

"I think I've had a consistent season this year.

"As a keeper part of it is maturing and becoming a solid figure in the team, and I think I'm becoming that.

"But as a keeper you also know that a mistake can come, it's football and it happens."

MK Dons assistant boss JOHN GORMAN writes exclusively for MK NEWS every week

ON SUNDAY there was an incident involving one of my old clubs Tottenham which has again prompted discussions about goal-line technology.

I think it just proves again that you need it, there's no question about that.

You could just have a television there and people can say it's over the line, or it's offside. There's just so much controversy.

It's a hard game for referees and they need to be given a little more help. I know what it's like as I have to ref in training.

We have also heard a lot of talk about diving and I say to our boys not to do it.

I tell them to just try to be honest and beat a player, as if he fouls you it's a foul and you get the penalty.

As soon as you look for things it just looks so obvious. We can't encourage it and we need to stop it, too much of it is going on.

You can draw a foul, that's clever play, unlike blatantly flicking your own heels and going flying in the air.

One point should guarantee us a place in the play-offs now and we are really looking forward to Sheffield United.

We'd like to show that we can beat them because they are a team who are flying, you just have to look at their record.

They are scoring goals like ourselves and it has the makings of a cracking game in front of the best league crowd of the season. Who knows, we could still play them again in the play-offs.

Saturday against Scunthorpe was very pleasing. We followed up four away draws, all games we probably should have won, with an away victory we were striving for.

I think it was a real team performance, as right through from David Martin, every player contributed and everyone seems to be scoring for us.

This week I attended the 17th Football Extravaganza event held at Grosvenor House Hotel in London – the event doubled up as a celebration of 20 seasons of the Premier League.

It sees the football and music industries come together to raise money for Nordoff-Robbins, a national organisation which helps ill and vulnerable people of all ages across the UK.

THE LAST THREE GAMES

APR 21 SHEFF UTD (H)
APR 28 ROCHDALE (A)
MAY 5 WALSALL (H)

LEAGUE ONE TABLE

			Home				Away					
	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Charlton	43	13	6	2	41	17	15	4	3	34	14	44	94
2	Sheffield Utd	43	16	3	3	52	25	11	4	6	36	21	42	88
3	Sheffield Wed	43	15	4	2	44	18	10	5	7	31	28	29	84
4	DONS	43	11	6	4	44	21	9	8	5	37	24	36	74
5	Huddersfield	43	12	6	3	32	19	7	11	4	43	27	29	74
6	Notts County	43	12	5	4	36	24	7	5	10	29	31	10	67
7	Carlisle	42	11	7	4	37	29	6	8	6	22	31	-1	66
8	Brentford	43	10	6	6	35	22	7	7	7	23	24	12	64
9	Stevenage	42	7	10	3	30	22	8	8	6	31	19	20	63
10	Colchester	43	7	11	4	34	31	5	8	8	21	28	-4	55
11	Tranmere	43	9	9	3	25	14	5	3	14	20	33	-2	54
12	Bournemouth	43	8	4	9	21	22	6	7	9	24	28	-5	53
13	Hartlepool	43	5	6	11	19	21	8	7	6	26	29	-5	52
14	Preston	43	7	8	7	28	33	6	5	10	23	31	-13	52
15	Bury	43	8	7	7	31	32	6	3	12	25	42	-18	52
16	Scunthorpe	43	5	9	8	27	32	5	11	5	26	24	-3	50
17	Yeovil	43	9	3	10	31	39	4	8	9	23	35	-20	50
18	Oldham	43	8	4	9	23	24	5	6	11	24	40	-17	49
19	Walsall	43	7	8	7	26	26	2	11	8	21	26	-5	46
20	Leyton Orient	43	5	5	11	19	31	7	5	10	24	39	-27	46
21	Wycombe	43	7	6	9	34	34	4	4	13	27	46	-19	43
22	Chesterfield	43	6	6	9	22	29	3	6	13	28	45	-24	39
23	Exeter City	43	7	7	7	25	25	2	4	16	14	42	-28	38
24	Rochdale	43	6	8	8	29	37	2	6	13	15	38	-31	38

Not including last night's match, Stevenage v Carlisle.

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FORMULA ONE

Red Bulls hoping to go faster in qualification

RED Bull Racing team principal Christian Horner believes that better performances from his drivers in qualifying will catapult the city-based team right into the world title hunt.

The Tilbrook outfit racked up a seemingly endless possession of pole positions last season but they have struggled to get going this time around.

Neither Sebastian Vettel or Mark Webber has claimed a pole after three races this season and they have barely even got close to the front row of the grid.

This performance has naturally made it difficult to claim race wins and last year's constructors' champions are still looking for their first victory of 2012.

But with the team relatively happy with their current race speed, they believe that an improved showing during qualification on a Saturday will hold them in better stead for Sunday's races.

"Where we've been weak on a Saturday, we've performed quite well on a Sunday," Horner said.

"We just need to sort out qualifying now as we know we've good race pace.

"If we can just get qualifying sorted then we can make a significant step forward."

Nico Rosberg won this weekend's Chinese Grand Prix in his Mercedes, with a fourth placed Webber finishing one place ahead of world champion Vettel.

The German opted to drive an older car in qualifying as he had not been happy with the performance in the previous two races but he was only 11th fastest.

However, he was able to recover from a poor start to make his way up the field and into fifth.

TOURING CARS

City racer Nash gains first world stage points

JAMES Nash claimed his first World Touring Car Championship (WTCC) points at the season's third meeting in Morocco this weekend.

The city driver, racing a Ford Focus for Team AoN, finished sixth in the second race at the Marrakech street circuit after starting on pole position under reverse grid rules.

Nash led the race until the half way point, until he was passed on lap five of 11 by a pair of Chevrolets led by reigning World Champion Yvan Muller.

With much faster cars on his tail he managed to hold on to grab sixth spot and eight WTCC points.

In the first race he had been hit from behind on the opening lap, pushing him into a concrete wall and forcing instant retirement.

The team only had ten minutes to repair his car between the two races.

Nash said: "I'm pleased to come away with championship points after what has been a wild weekend one way or another.

"From an early incident in qualifying that could have effectively finished our weekend to then being taken out on the opening lap of race one it really did seem that all was against us.

"I went into race two and sat there on pole position not having completed a single racing lap so I knew before the race started that it was going to be tough.

"Getting a good start obviously helped and I did manage to keep the Chevrolets at bay for five laps, but wow, they've got some pace and more.

"The Ford Focus and the engine felt good and once again my mechanics really made it count in the ten minute window for repairs between races.

"Their effort today was a real achievement considering the state the car was in after race one and I am very grateful."

ICE HOCKEY

Lightning plans are already under way

LIGHTNING boss Nick Poole is already looking ahead to next season after last week's heartbreaking play-off exit brought the curtain down on this year's campaign.

The player-coach saw his side crash out to Slough Jets in agonising circumstances as a 7-4 first leg lead was overturned in the second match, with the Berkshire club completing a 7-3 win in overtime.

It was a defeat which prevented Lightning from going through to play-off finals day in Coventry, one of their main goals for the season.

And with the English Premier League (EPL) and EPL Cup titles also ending up elsewhere, the city skaters missed out on their target of picking up some silverware.

However, Poole, *pictured*, does not feel that his side are too far away from where they need to be and he has started to make plans for another trophy quest next year.

The new season only starts in September but the Canadian has begun talking to players to try and get his squad sorted.

"The aim is to put together a better team for next year," he told MK SPORT.

"There will be a frantic few weeks coming up trying to get players tied down.

"But we already have a tight group and don't want to make too many changes.

"We have a competitive team and don't feel like we are too far off, we want to win trophies again next season."

Lightning finished fifth in the EPL table and were just edged out in the EPL Cup semi-final to Sheffield Steeldogs.

Poole's men led the standings early on in the season after making a great start, but then things trailed off and results began to slip.

"In January and February form definitely dropped and confidence was low," Poole said.

"We didn't make too many changes over the summer so we expected to make a good start, but we suddenly hit a dip and then we struggled to get back from that.

"It was disappointing not to make it to Coventry or win any silverware as that was the aim, but we were very close.

"We lost out in the cup semi-final and the play-offs by just one goal."

Poole also believes that luck might have had a part to play in how the season turned out.

Lightning only lost three games more than eventual league champions Guildford Flames over the course of the season.

"When we won the league two years ago luck played a big part in it," Poole said.

"We won games we were perhaps lucky to win, where as this season we lost games which we were unlucky to lose.

"But that is sport and we are not going to use it as an excuse."

The play-off defeat to Slough was a particularly painful one because of the large lead Lightning took into the second leg.

And the coach feels that, with an advantage to protect, his side naturally sat back and invited Jets pressure.

He said: "There are areas we need to work on.

"These include the powerplay, and at times we struggled to score."

BASKETBALL

Changes in store for Lions next year

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matches ended those hopes.

The latest setbacks, a 95-78 defeat to Cheshire on Friday and a 94-86 loss at Mersey on Sunday were the final nails in the coffin.

With just 16 points scored Lions can't break into the top eight with just two games left.

"We were fifth on January 27 and we've been knocked down like nine pins," Macaulay told MK SPORT.

"We're very disappointed as this has to be our worst finish since we've been in Milton Keynes.

"The team has so much potential but they have under achieved and clearly didn't gel.

"It's fair to say that the team didn't develop any character, are we a physical team, do we slow it down, what are we?

"I haven't decided anything yet but clearly there has to be changes.

Losing effort: Stefan Gill plays against the Jets. Pic: F1 Point Zero.

"We will sit down and see where we need to make adjustments."

Lions had harboured hopes of winning silverware and at the start of February were desperately close to a spot in the BBL Trophy final after a two-leg last four clash with Plymouth.

Lions led by six points with only 49 seconds left on the clock in the second leg but somehow let the advantage slip, and they have only won one game since.

Macaulay said: "After the Plymouth game I was buoyed as we'd played so well.

"I had no worries, but the team hasn't fired up."

Fans will now have to wait and see whether star men such as guard Demarius Bolds, power forward Dan Northern and English point guard Stefan Gill remain in Milton Keynes next season, as well as coach New.

Lions now only have pride to play for during their last two games of the season, starting tonight with the final home match of the campaign against Plymouth.

Tip-off is 7.30pm, and Lions will then end their year by travelling to Durham on Saturday, who they have so far beaten twice.

RUGBY UNION

City thought they had sealed second place

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players were already celebrating what they thought had been achieved when notification from the league's secretary confirmed that their rivals would be taking the play-off spot instead.

It all hinges on league whipping boys Malborough, who pulled out of their game with Windsor last week, denying them the chance to increase their points difference.

If the game had taken place Windsor would have almost certainly recorded a thumping win which would have overturned City's one point advantage.

But because they didn't get the chance, a rule has been enforced which has expunged all of Malborough's results.

This means that City's 50-0 and 66-3 victories over the league's bottom side have been declared void along with Windsor's earlier 78-0 win, and MK have slipped to third after a recalculation of points.

Club president John Silk told MK SPORT: "The team were over the moon. We were always aware of this ruling but nobody realised what an impact it would have.

"But if Windsor had played Malborough they would have won by 60 or 70 points."

The Alchester game was a tense one with MK leaving it late to secure the critical fourth try, which earns the bonus point.

Dan Rolfe scored it after Rob Lasbrey, Stuart Tomkinson and Darren Brodrick had earlier gone over but it was to no avail.

A second Rolfe try and a score by Scott Aspinall completed the scoring.

City have missed out on promotion to the South West 1 East but they now have derbies against Olney and Buckingham, who are both coming in the opposite direction to the Southern Counties North, to look forward to next year.

However, Bletchley took a big step to ensuring that they won't be joining their county rivals in relegation from the division with a 26-18 away win at Cheltenham.

They now sit two places and two points above the dreaded bottom three but are one of three sides who can still go down on the last day, along with Swanage and Wareham and Reading Abbey.

Abbey, who are currently in the drop zone, have the toughest task as they travel to top of the league Maidenhead while Bletchley will face High Wycombe.

The Cheltenham win therefore ensured the most important four point haul of the season and was ensured by brothers Phil and George Harman who scored all of Bletchley's 26 points between them.

Phil scored two tries to George's one and both added extras with the boot in the win.

There was an afternoon to forget for relegated Olney who lost 101-7 to Swindon.

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Fourth place finish the target

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A FOURTH place finish is now the number one goal for Dons – so the second leg of their play-off semi-final will be played at stadiummk.

Karl Robinson's men leap-frogged Huddersfield into fourth spot after Saturday's classy 3-0 win at Scunthorpe United.

Now they are desperate to stay there to ensure that the make-or-break second leg will be held on familiar territory.

The Scunthorpe win all but guaranteed a play-off spot and the club are only too aware of the dangers of having to play away second time around following last year's exit at Peterborough.

It looks likely that Huddersfield will be the play-off opponents and Dons will welcome them to stadiummk on Tuesday, May 15 should they manage to stay above them.

Both sides are level on 74 points but Dons are ahead thanks to a superior goal difference.

"We want to stay fourth, that's what we want to do," Robinson said.

"Huddersfield have some games we believe they should win coming up, and we've obviously got the toughest task on Saturday against Sheffield United.

"If we come out as winners in our last three games it will see us into fourth, something the club has only done once before.

"It's all important to have home advantage in the second leg as going to a big stadium second can be difficult.

"We saw the atmosphere they created at Peterborough. It's nice to go home and give your fans something to cheer."

Dons could secure their play-off spot during the showdown with Sheffield United, who are looking to seal an automatic promotion spot.

The Blades are bringing more than 5000 fans in anticipation of booking their promotion and Robinson is relishing the prospect.

"We can't wait," he said. "I thought we deserved more out of the game up there.

"They've got tremendous players, two or three probably earn more than our squad together.

"We've got a game plan, we feel we know how we can beat them and we feel we know how we can stop them.

"But it's hard when they've got players like Ched Evans, Cresswell, Doyle and Quinn, they are fantastic players who should not be at this level.

"We can cope with big games and we can cope with the pressure of big matches."

Well done: Karl Robinson congratulates Shaun Williams after the Irishman's cracking strike sealed a win at Scunthorpe which all but confirms a play-off spot for Dons. More inside.

Picture: Richard Parkes

LEAGUE ONE PLAY-OFF DATES

5TH V 4TH - FIRST LEG - SATURDAY MAY 12, 12.45PM
4TH V 5TH - SECOND LEG - TUESDAY MAY 15, 7.45PM

6TH V 3RD - FIRST LEG - FRIDAY MAY 11, 7.45PM
3RD V 6TH - SECOND LEG - MONDAY MAY 14, 7.45PM

FINAL - WEMBLEY STADIUM - SATURDAY MAY 26, 3PM

Dons appear to be through the worst of their injury crisis with players returning to fitness at a valuable time.

However, they did lose on-loan striker Rob Hall, who Robinson sent back to West Ham, and fellow loanee Paul Slane has returned to his parent club Celtic with an ankle problem which could keep the winger out for the rest of the season.

Defender Mathias Doumbe should be available for next weekend's trip to Rochdale.

Robinson said: "There are 17 players, which is the smallest squad in the league. It's not a lot, but it's enough."

The manager, boosted this week by the news that influential midfielder Darren Potter has signed a new two-year contract, is hoping to tie down further players in the coming weeks.

"We're working on a few, and working on one coming in," he said. "It's a busy time for me as I'm trying to cement where we are while building for next year at the same time so I don't find we're short."

Bitter taste for MK as play-off is taken away

MILTON Keynes Rugby Club thought that they had a promotion play-off to look forward to after Saturday's 38-0 victory over Alchester, until an 8pm phone call cruelly told them that this was not the case.

A little known league rule kicked into play after City thought the job was done, and dreams of promotion were painfully taken away in the process.

Both City and Windsor were battling it out for the all-important second spot in the Southern Counties North – which earns a play-off berth – and were locked on the same number of points going into the weekend's last games of the season.

There were four try bonus point wins for both teams, with Windsor seeing off league champions Beaconsfield 26-13, but MK thought they had sealed second position on points difference by the narrowest of margins – just one point.

City finished with a points difference of 380 compared to Windsor's 379 and

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Under achieving Lions suffer 'worst season'

A MAJOR inquest is up and running at MK Lions after another two defeats confirmed that the club will miss out on the end of season play-offs.

Lions slipped up against close rivals Cheshire Jets and Mersey Tigers to confirm what owner Vince Macaulay has described as the worst season since the team has played in Milton Keynes.

Now, urgent meetings are being planned between Macaulay, the rest of the Lions committee, the players and head coach Mike New.

The club's supremo told MK SPORT he was bitterly disappointed that Lions have now failed to claim a top eight play-off spot for the second year in a row.

They sit second bottom in the 11-team British Basketball League, only ahead of new boys Durham Wildcats.

After a season which promised much, Macaulay said that the team had under achieved and not clicked into gear.

A top four finish was the target but a disastrous run of just one win in 13

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The changes, service by service.

1 NEWTON LONGVILLE or FENNY STRATFORD - BLETCHLEY - CMK - NEWPORT PAGNELL - LAVENDON or CRANFIELD

- This service will be simplified to run only between Bletchley, CMK, Newport Pagnell and Lavendon.
- Fenny Stratford will be served by MK Council Service 18, operated by Z&S International during Monday to Saturday daytimes.
- Newton Longville will be served by revised Service 32, running under contract to Buckinghamshire County Council.
- The section of route between North Crawley and Newport Pagnell will be provided by MK Council Service 37, operated by Soul's.
- The direct service between Cranfield and Milton Keynes will be provided by Grant Palmer Passenger Services, Service 45.

2 WESTCROFT - OXLEY PARK - CMK - WILLEN - NEWPORT PAGNELL

- This service will be re-routed between Newport Pagnell and CMK to serve Redhouse Park. It will also be re-routed to run directly from Grange Farm to Westcroft Centre.
- Oxley Park will be served by revised Service 8.
- Now up to 4 buses per hour; the frequency of Service 2 will be increased to run every 15 minutes for the main part of the day on Mondays to Fridays and Arriva will run the weekday evening journeys under contract to MK Council.

3 CMK - MONKSTON - KINGSTON- WAVENDON - WOBURN SANDS

- This service will no longer run.
- Woburn Sands will be linked to Kingston and CMK by Platinum 300, running up to every 30 minutes on Mondays to Saturdays and hourly on Sundays.
- The Open University and Monkston will be served by new MK Council contracted Services 11/12, operated by Z&S International.

4/5

- There are no changes to Services 4 and 5.

7 BLETCHLEY - SHENLEY - CMK - GREAT LINFORD - OAKRIDGE PARK - NEW BRADWELL - WOLVERTON

- There will be minor changes to the Sunday timetable to improve reliability.

8/8A WESTCROFT - SHENLEY BROOK END - CMK - KINGSTON - KENTS HILL - WALNUT TREE - CALDECOTTE - BLETCHLEY

- This service will be simplified to run as a one-way circular service between Kingston and Walnut Tree, Browns Wood and Old Farm Park.
- The route will be extended from Westcroft Centre to offer a simplified and improved service to Oxley Park, served by a one way loop.
- Arriva will run all journeys on Mondays to Saturdays and during Sunday daytime.
- The section between Kingston, Browns Wood, Walnut Tree and Bletchley will be replaced by new Service 9.
- Caldecotte will be served by new MK Council Services 11/12, operated by Z&S International.
- Service 8A will be withdrawn and replaced in Walnut Tree, Browns Wood and Old Farm Park by Service 8. In Kents Hill and Highgate Over it will be replaced by new MK Council Services 11/12 and revised 17, operated by Z&S International.

9 KINGSTON - WALNUT TREE - BLETCHLEY

- This new service will replace Service 8 between Kingston, Walnut Tree and Bletchley, running hourly for the main part of the day on Mondays to Saturdays.

11/12 CALDECOTTE - OU - KENTS HILL- CMK

- New service operated by Z&S International replacing part of the 3 and 8A.

30/31 BLETCHLEY - STONY STRATFORD - WOLVERTON - WILLEN - NEWPORT PAGNELL

- There will be a number of adjustments to the timetable for these services.

32 BUCKINGHAM - CMK - MILTON KEYNES HOSPITAL - BLETCHLEY - BUCKINGHAM

- This service will be revised to run from Buckingham Tesco and Buckingham Centre to CMK, Bletchley and Newton Longville. The route will run in both directions and not as the current circular service.
- Some journeys will run via Burleigh Piece and Badgers Way and Bourton Road to part replace Service 32A.

32A BUCKINGHAM TOWN SERVICE

- This service will no longer run being partly replaced by Service 32 and also a new Buckinghamshire County Council service in Maids Moreton and Western Avenue.

45 CRANFIELD - COACHWAY- CMK

- New service operated by Grant Palmer replacing part of the 1 and 17A.

51 WINSLOW - BLETCHLEY

- This once-a-day service will no longer run.

300 PLATINUM 300 MAGNA PARK - KINGSTON - CMK

- The frequency will be increased to run every 15 minutes on Mondays to Saturdays between MK Station and Coachway/Kingston and will be extended to every 30 minutes to both Magna Park and Woburn Sands.
- On Sundays this service will run every 30 minutes to Kingston and hourly to both Magna Park and Woburn Sands.

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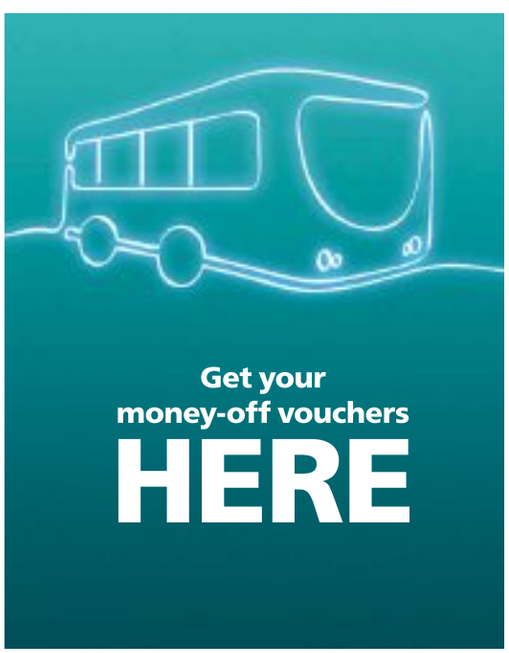

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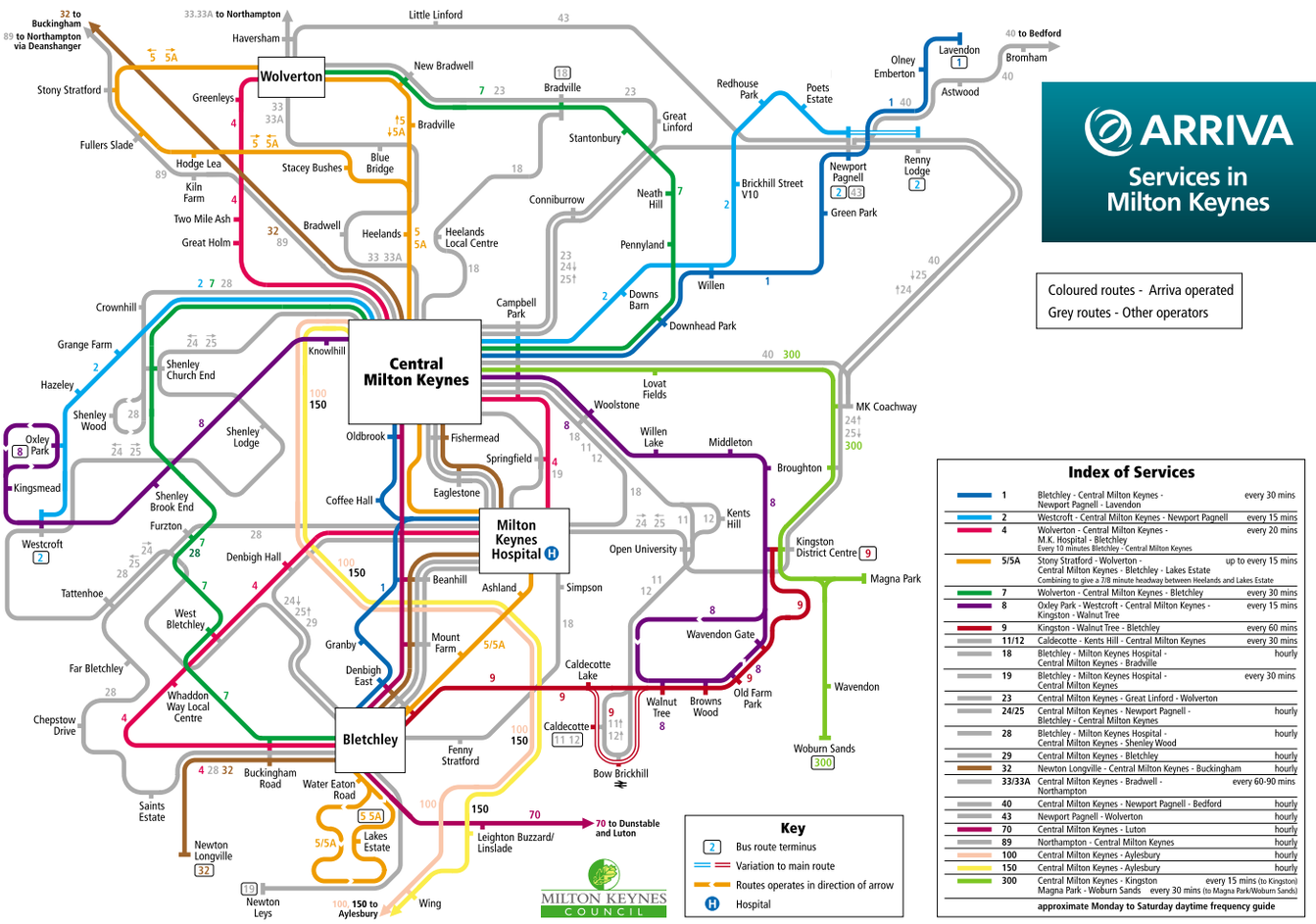

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Services in Milton Keynes

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4	Wolverton - Central Milton Keynes - M.K. Hospital - Bletchley Every 10 minutes Bletchley - Central Milton Keynes	every 20 mins
5/5A	Stony Stratford - Wolverton - Central Milton Keynes - Bletchley - Lakes Estate Combining to give a 7/8 minute headway between Heelands and Lakes Estate	up to every 15 mins
7	Wolverton - Central Milton Keynes - Bletchley	every 30 mins
8	Oxley Park - Westcroft - Central Milton Keynes - Kingston - Walnut Tree	every 15 mins
9	Kingston - Walnut Tree - Bletchley	every 60 mins
11/12	Caldecotte - Kents Hill - Central Milton Keynes	every 30 mins
18	Bletchley - Milton Keynes Hospital - Central Milton Keynes - Bradville	hourly
19	Bletchley - Milton Keynes Hospital - Central Milton Keynes	every 30 mins
23	Central Milton Keynes - Great Linford - Wolverton	
24/25	Central Milton Keynes - Newport Pagnell - Bletchley - Central Milton Keynes	hourly
28	Bletchley - Milton Keynes Hospital - Central Milton Keynes - Shenley Wood	hourly
29	Central Milton Keynes - Bletchley	hourly
32	Newton Longville - Central Milton Keynes - Buckingham	hourly
33/33A	Central Milton Keynes - Bradwell - Northampton	every 60-90 mins
40	Central Milton Keynes - Newport Pagnell - Bedford	hourly
43	Newport Pagnell - Wolverton	hourly
70	Central Milton Keynes - Luton	hourly
89	Northampton - Central Milton Keynes	hourly
100	Central Milton Keynes - Aylesbury	hourly
150	Central Milton Keynes - Aylesbury	hourly
300	Central Milton Keynes - Kingston every 15 mins (to Kingston) Magna Park - Woburn Sands every 30 mins (to Magna Park/Woburn Sands)	

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